

## **The Valley of Ditches.**

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Turn with me in your Bibles to second Kings chapter 3. This is the story of Jehoram the son of Ahab and his reign over Israel as King, the full chapter gives us the complete story here, I will start reading at verse one:

### **2 Kings 3:1-4**

Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. [2] And he wrought evil in the sight of the Lord; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made. [3] Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. [4] And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool. *This was I believe every year as a tribute or tax that he paid to the Israelite King.*

### **2 Kings 3:5-6**

But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. [6] And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel. *To get them ready for the battle he was going to, he was upset about the tax not being paid.*

### **2 Kings 3:7-8**

And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. [8] And he said, Which way shall we go up? *And I believe this is Jehoram asking the others from what I gathered in studying this which way shall we go up he is asking King Jehoshaphat and King Jehoshaphat and they replied: The way through the wilderness of Edom.*

## 2 Kings 3:9

So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: *so they picked up the Edomites on their way to fight Moab* and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey:

*which simply means that by that day they had travelled for seven days for us that might be hard to comprehend about but how far could you drive in seven days. Well from here to Pennsylvania we often figure about five days if you spend nights seven days would bring you down into South America someplace probably, maybe Central America it is a long ways....* and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

Now why did they have cattle? Well they needed to have some sort of resource here for food and so they had beasts which was their primary source of food, for energy and can you imagine running out of gas let's say in Central America and the only way to get gas was to go back up into the States well your gas tank would run out well before you got there and that was a little predicament these people found themselves in, they had gone so far in and without water they would surely perish, we are not familiar with the desert conditions that they most likely face here but it was very severe. Verse 10.

## 2 Kings 3:10-12

And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the Lord hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab! [11] But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may enquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah. [12] And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

It seems likely Elisha travelled with this group down into this country, to me it is a picture of the grace of God, God knowing the predicament that they would face sending this Prophet along so that the message of God could come through this man of God. Verse 13.

**2 Kings 3:13 :** And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy

mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the Lord hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

Now Elisha did not have much respect for persons did he? He tells the king right out: Listen why are you coming to me for help now when you didn't before? That is in essence what he is saying and King Jehoram he says: Well we are in dire circumstances we just want some help, verse 14:

## 2 Kings 3:14-26

And Elisha said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. [15] But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. [16] And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches. [17] For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. [18] And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. [19] And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. [20] And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

[21] And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border. [22] And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood: [23] And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil. [24] And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country. [25] And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it.

[26] And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

I understand that simply to mean that he chose what he considered to be the weakest spot in the army to try and break through and wasn't able.

[2 Kings 3:27](#)

Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

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From a human perspective this probably seemed like a strange combat, silly, dirty, dirty work, but they had the faith to do it and they did it and as a result of that there was a miraculous sustenance and deliverance through that in that valley of ditches.

This morning as we consider the water that filled those ditches I think we probably all think of the word blessing, they dug ditches and they were blessed, that is what we would like to consider this morning as the source of blessing and others, digging ditches so that we can procure or obtain the blessings of God.

The Christian life is a life of faith and in order for us to obtain God's blessings we need to take steps of faith, we need to dig ditches, we need to do silly things, we need to get down and dig in order for us to be receiving God's blessings. Really it is a small part isn't it? How much time did this host spend on digging ditches I am not sure but apparently they did it in an evening and the next morning then as they offered the morning offering, water filter these ditches, it is a miracle of God. The deeper they dug the ditches the more water they had too and the deeper our ditches will be, and the deeper we dig the more blessings we will receive.

There was a great need here, they were in a desert place, they went by the way of Edom, significant that Jehoshaphat said let's go by the way of Edom. That is the way that every Christian goes as well in a sense, we go

through this world, we go through a dry country and there is great need. You sense need, is there anybody here this morning that does not want God's blessing? What a foolish question. We all desire, we all need God's blessings there is a need here this morning. We sing sometimes the song: Showers of blessing and for showers of a blessing we plead. We plead for those blessings. Think of your life what blessings are you looking for in your life? Could you name some blessings? Blessings that you desire, that you have an intense longing for. Most likely the first thought that comes to our mind is the blessing of life spiritual life the light of Christ that the brother spoke about, we need that blessing, we need the blessing of guidance.

After we become a child of God we sense a need of guidance, ongoing guidance. Maybe we are facing a difficult situation in our life and we have a great need for guidance, it is a blessing that we are looking for. Maybe it is the blessing of victory. Israel needed victory, we need to victory, we have enemies, we are in Edom fighting against Moab, fighting against the enemy of our soul and we need victory, we need that blessing. We need sound church life and as I think of blessings to me that is it is one of the foremost ones as well, we need strong solid church life, we need strong solid homes, those are blessings that we look for and we plead for.

You know our emphasis this morning could be on blessings from the material perspective, we need our businesses to prosper, we need financial security, we need our dreams to be fulfilled, what kind of blessings do you think we would receive if that would be our focus? I think you know the answer.

What are some of the ditches that we must dig?

I would like to consider seven ditches that should stretch across the valley here this morning in our own personal lives that I believe we need to dig in order for our hearts to receive God's blessing.

1] The first one, some of these thoughts will parallel what our brother had but I think that they are definitely critical if we want God's blessing.

The ditch of true penitence, the ditch of true penitence.

Why did God bless Israel here with this great victory? Were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the King of Judah. God had a relationship with Jehoshaphat, if Jehoshaphat wouldn't have been there Israel would have been in dire straits but Jehoshaphat was there he was a man that had a relationship with God, that relationship is just like any other relationship with God it was based on penitence, Jehoshaphat was a penitent man.

[Psalm 24:3-4](#)

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? *Who shall? can you answer that? He that has clean hands and a pure heart* Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? [4] He that hath clean hands. And the same is true today if we want God's blessing if we want a relationship with God we need to have true penitence in our lives and we often think of penitence as the beginning step of the Christian life, but really penitence is an everyday experience that we need to continue to demonstrate in our life, to have penitence. How quickly do we recognize in our own heart something that needs to be apologized for, how quickly do we apologize and are you ready to recognize your own heart and maybe it is a thought that you had in your life that you recognize as evil. Are you quick to repent, are we quick to realise that and to repent.

Penitence is to dump the slop bucket and let God fill it or to take the lid off an empty bucket and allow God to fill it, God can't fill it if we are not willing to take the lid off the top. Let's not put umbrellas over our emptiness. Remember that we will be the losers if we have an empty bucket or a defiled bucket when we meet the judge. God looks for those who have upturned buckets, penitent lives. We are often impressed with how King Ahab, the most wicked of Israel's Kings, repented and God answered his prayer and God removed the curse. God looks towards those who are penitent.

2] Number two. The second ditch is the ditch of full surrender.

They dug the ditches. Can you kind of picture what some of these soldiers were saying as they heard this message you know Elisha says: Dig ditches. We don't even have shovels, and we didn't come prepared to dig ditches we came prepared to fight an army. What did they use to dig? Did they use their swords the bottom of their swords they dug ditches, that would have

looked ridiculous and most likely they were scoffers but they did what needed to be done they surrendered to the call that came.

And God might ask of us some seemingly impossible task and are we going to turn away from the task and simply say it is not possible, I don't have any shovels, how do you expect me to do this? Do you think God will ask us to do anything that is not possible? Are we using the human measuring stick to determine whether or not we can or can't do something? It says here it was but a small thing and this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord to fill these ditches of water, it is a small thing.

What God claims I yield, what I yield He accepts, what He accepts He fills, what He fills He uses and what He uses He blesses.

At Vanderhoof (Canada) about a year and a half ago I read an illustration of surrender, I hope you will bear with me then Vanderhoof for sharing this again, I thought this illustrates the point of surrender so well I thought I would read it here again this morning it is the illustration of doors that open and closed doors. It goes like this:

I slept and as I slept I dreamt, in my dream I stood in a vast and silent hall, doors marched down its length on either side and at the far end a window let in bright sunlight. Soon I noticed that in spite of its silence the hall was not quite empty, people walked about some slowly and some briskly and doors opened and shut. Sometimes when a door opened a person stepped through it and was gone from sight, other doors opened and closed without receiving anyone.

I looked more closely at the doors they were all exactly alike, very plain and with no peepholes, each door had a sign on it and these I began to read with interest, one said "Minister of the Gospel" another "Marriage" the next "Schoolteacher". Looking across the hall I read "Carpenter" "Physical Disabilities" "Care giver" I stopped. Gazing down the long, long hall I wondered what does it mean, what are these doors? "These doors" said a voice in my ear, "Are the doors of opportunity."

Startled I turned to see who had spoken, a white robed figure stood beside me, he smiled and gestured toward a bench: Sit awhile and watch with me. Doors of opportunity I said as I sat down, that helps to explain the signs but what about all this coming and going? I glanced up at my companion

and his face, although very pleasant, did not encourage any questions. I set myself to try and make sense of the activity that I saw. The people were quiet as they moved about, there was a sense of order in the hall, although at first I could see no pattern.

At last the stillness of one figure drew my eyes to it and I saw that it was a young woman, she knelt in front of the door labeled "Marriage" her eyes were fixed hopefully, almost prayerfully, on the doorknob waiting for it to turn and then down the hall a door swung open and a gentle inviting voice called a name, the girl flinched and half turned towards the sound, Ah, that must be her name! Then with a slight shake of her head she turned to back to her gazing at the door, soon she hesitatingly raised her hand and knocked, there was no answer, she tried the knob it would not move. A door across the hall swung open and another voice called her name, the girl turned this time but what she saw through the open doorway seemed to frighten her, she shrank back with wide eyes and she turned back again to her door and gave the knob a vigorous twist, it did not yield. She sank down in a lump of despair eyes still lifted to the door.

I glanced toward my companion and his eyes shimmered with tears as he whispered: "When you have your eyes fixed on one door you may miss other doors that open."

Just then a young man came striding along the hall toward us scanning the door signs, as he came he seemed to have more purpose than the others wandering about, he stopped at a door just opposite me labeled "Freedom". Without delay he tried to the knob but when no answer came he began to knock firmly, again and again he knocked and rattled the knob. I admired his persistence but there was something in my companion's attitude that raised a feeling of doubt and dread in my mind, to what did this door labeled "Freedom" lead? Suddenly it swung open, the young man stuck his hands into his pockets and sauntered in, it looked a very pleasant place but just before the door clicked shut I glimpsed something that made me gasp and start up in consternation, with trembling lips my companion answered the question in my eyes: "When you knock too long sometimes the devil answers."



Is there a way out of these doors I begged, can he come back? “Yes, thank God there is a way back there is hope for him” my friend replied.

I shakily sat down again, what a painful place this hall is. At that moment a door at the far end of the hall opened and a middle aged man stepped out his face creased with distress, he tried slowly along the doors stopping to study each sign, at some he lingered long, deep in thought, occasionally he tried the knob of a door but none opened to him. After a great while he arrived at the door that he had left and found it still open, I waited breathlessly for his response, surprise flickered in his eyes, a trace of rebellion tightened his jaw and then humility and surrender softened his features as he fell to his knees, when he rose a few minutes later and stepped inside the door peace illuminated his smile. I turned to the white figure beside me and his eyes sparkled as he said: “If you enter willingly you have a reward.”

Is it never right to leave one door and enter another I enquired? “Yes, sometimes it is right”, my friend answered, “But it was not right for that man at this time”. My eyes wondered again to the girlish figure still crouched in front of the door labeled "Marriage" What will become of her? I asked. “It is up to her” my companion replied with a shrug of his shoulder, “She may sit there for many years but we hope that she will soon give up and decide to enter another door, God will keep opening them for her”.

Just then a small sound caught my attention, I looked up and saw a young man weeping just beside the "Freedom" door, my companion recognised him before I did and with a glad cry went to comfort him. My eyes were strangely misty as I looked once more around the vast silent hall. What a hopeful place this is.

Surrender, God has blessings in store for those who surrender, let's never forget that in spite of our difficulties we face at times. We sing the song: We lay our all on the altar, You have longed for sweet peace and for faith to increase, And have earnestly fervently prayed but you cannot have rest or be perfectly blessed unto all on the altar is laid. And then the chorus repeats that thought. Verse 4, Who can tell all the love he will send from

above; And how happy in our hearts will be made; of the Fellowship sweet we will share at his feet; when our all on the altar is laid.

May God give us wisdom to surrender so that we can experience the feeling of the water in the ditches.

3] Number three. Digging the ditch of earnestly.

Verse five, after Elisha was given this request he was asked if there was anything that they could do, he said bring me a minstrel and it came to pass when the minstrel played that the hand of God came upon him. Elisha was praying, he wasn't just casually praying, he was praying earnestly praying, fervently praying. It is typical of Old Testament saints to need some sort of music to stimulate their minds, today we have the Holy Spirit and the same spirit that moved Elisha here is the same spirit that moves us today if we earnestly seek for a message. Verse 20: "And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water". To me those two thoughts are connected, there was worship and then there was an answer. And this morning if we are seeking for blessing there needs to be earnest effort put into seeking that blessing.

Do we pray to the full extent of our prayer capacity? I think all of us would say this morning that we barely scratch the surface of the blessings that would be ours if we would only earnestly pray for blessings, God's resources are limitless, they are abundant, Oh for more faith, more perseverance. Apparently the Waldensians prayed for years and years, I have heard over 100 years, and God blessed the Waldensian group abundantly, they had a continuous prayer circle where they would, they didn't have phones they didn't have a mail system like we do, but they prayed continuously for years and years for things that they needed answers for.

Maybe we should be more free to call up a brother and say: "Can you pray for me or can you pray for this situation, can you pray for this struggling brother."

God blessed Israel, God blessed obedient Israel abundantly and to us it is a picture of what God wishes to do for all of us. God wishes to bless if we would only ask. As we think of worship as we think of the service here this morning you came here because you wanted to be blessed and you

will go with a blessing, you will go with a blessing if you earnestly worship. God saw fit to allow this meeting for this very purpose, it is God's good gift to us this morning. God's good gift is interest in our souls, it is interest in our lives. Let's focus on God's message for us this morning and then when we go home tonight we will be able to say: I was blessed, we will be able to enumerate those blessings.

4] Number four. The ditch of humble service.

To me there is just about nothing I can think of that is worse than digging ditches, I despise digging in the dirt, it is hard work, a little shovel and we see these excavators work and then to take a little shovel and the little that we get done in comparison I think we are spoilt, probably lazy, but digging ditches is hard work, it is humiliating work, it is dirty work, it is humble work. Are we ready to do the humble work? and God will bless, God will bless just like he blessed these Israelites here.

In chapter 5 of second King's it gives us the story of Naaman. How was Naaman blessed? By doing some great thing? No it was when he was willing to wash in the dirty Jordan that he was blessed and the same applies to us today, hardly willing to do the dirty work, to do the hard humble tasks? God will bless. These soldiers could have said you know this is ridiculous we have better things to do, we have swords to sharpen that is more exciting, we can organize our forces, maybe we can scout for water. To dig ditches may have seemed to humiliating that they did it.

In the Beatitudes series in the *Eastern Testimony, Part 3, Blessed Are the Meek*, it gives a quote there that I would like to read from F.B.Myers, "I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other and that the taller we grew in Christian character the easier it we could reach them I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other and that it is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower and that we have to go down all ways down to get his best gifts."

I like that it is very true in relation to the humble servants as well.

5] Number five. Digging the ditch of united effort.

Jehoram had the privilege of riding on the coattails of Jehoshaphat. Sometimes we use that term coat tail. I think that comes from the days when they rode horses and their coats had cuts and their coat tail would hang on

the back of the horse it wouldn't bunch up, it is probably why even our jackets today have cuts designed after the horse riding days, but we use that term to describe an easy passage. I believe that Jehoram rode on the coattails of Jehoshaphat back here, and Jehoram was a blessed because he was with Jehoshaphat, if Jehoram would have been there alone I don't think the victory would have been possible, it would have been possible but God wouldn't have blessed.

I think it is possible for us to ride on the coattails of our brethren too in relation to church life. Now we enjoy tremendous blessings today in church life and we can sit back and enjoy these blessings and criticize and say: Well this isn't necessary that is unnecessary, that is going too far. And yet we can be blessed at the same time from the blessings that hold the church together. Let's not be Jehoram's riding on the coattails of others. Let's be in there ourselves giving support and building the church. I don't think we realise the stability that comes from some of the things we practice and I think we need to pass that burden on to our young people as well. If the church was composed of me and my thinking how strong would the church be today? All of us would say it wouldn't be very strong because we all have weaknesses and flat sides but as it relates to church support how strong would church be today if I was, if the church was made up of only people like me?

Maybe we are a little bit like some taxpayers that grumble sometimes. You know they may have gone to work on the government highway, maybe they even crossed the government ferry free of charge, maybe they enjoyed a good night of rest because there were police forces that kept law and order and then they grumble about the taxes that they pay. No that is just ridiculous and at the same time they have been enjoying these blessings. Maybe we are a little bit like that sometimes in church life, we enjoy all these blessings not realise what we are criticizing when we criticize. Let's be very cautious criticsers this morning, let's be those like Jehoshaphat who are the blessing and support that the church needs.

We need to church today and our children need the church tomorrow and well meaning questions have wrecked the carpet right out from underneath our children not thinking of the dire consequences. You know if you put a

little picture to that; What parent would do that just jerk the carpet right out from underneath their children? No one would. But some people are doing that without thinking in relation to church life and church structure and the blessings that comes through sound church life.

6] Number six. Digging the ditch of brotherly love and for forgiveness.

This picture of these three kings going together is a picture of harmony. You have Israel and Judah and Edom together here and they together conquered the Moabites. There might be some other illustrations a person could use but I just want to think of the thought of harmony, they worked together and they were victorious, even the weakest was made strong, verse 26, when this King of Moab decided that Edom was the weakest spot, even the weakest here was made strong.

It is interesting if you study some of the scriptures that talk about God's blessings upon people, how many of those verses also mentioned that God will bless if my people are compassionate, if my people are merciful. Here in [Psalm 15](#) it says: Lord who shall abide in thy Tabernacle or who shall dwell in thy holy Hill? *Or we could say who shall be blessed.* He that walketh uprightly and workers righteousness and speaketh truth in his heart, he that back-biteth not with his tongue nor doeth evil to his neighbour nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

Do you think God will fill a ditch that has roots of bitterness in it, will God fill that ditch if he sees those roots of bitterness? No he won't fill that ditch if it is full of corruptness and so let's dig out those roots of bitterness and forgive. Forgiveness needs to be in our lives so that God can truly bless and fill us. It is so clear in the Lord's prayer ([Matthew 6:9-13](#)) We forgive our debtors and God will forgive us and God will bless us we could add. Hebrews chapter 12 has some more verses in relation to this thought of loving kindness, brotherly relationship, our brother already mentioned some of this but I would just like to read these verses here in chapter 12.

[Hebrews 12:14-15](#)

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: [15] Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Lest any man fail the blessings of God the grace of God.

7] Number seven. Digging the ditch of church extension.

You know if we want to be blessed as God's people today we need to be willing to reach out. If the North Western district had been idle from its start let's say after the first few years, it took energy to start it so it is already there, but let's say after the first few years they would have been idle how many of us would have been here? If we would raise our hands here this morning how many of us are a result of the ongoing burden and interests of outreach? Probably 95% of us would raise our hands.

Digging the ditch of church extension, we are blessed abundantly here this morning, if it was only the first few that had begun that were meeting here together how blessed would they be? Not near as much as they are here this morning.

The Israelites could have just thrown up their hands and said: Well we don't have any resources to do this, we don't have shovels, we didn't bring any shovels along, we don't have energy to do this, we are thirsty, if we spend of this energy digging ditches we will be even in worse shape to fight the enemy tomorrow. And if they would have done that they would have been matching themselves against the foe, but they allowed, they took the step of faith and it was but a small thing for God to deliver them.

And the same is true today in relation to church extension, we might puzzle at the resources, we might puzzle at the energy but let's never let that go, God will bless us and I think that in relation to our young people going to Numidia Bible school, it is always true that young people will find young people of like caliber, sometimes young people come back maybe worse unfortunately, but generally speaking our young people can go to Bible school and find a blessing, the blessing of the broader church, the blessing of other strong young people and that is a blessing of people that God has put into our lives. Let's not, let's never give up in relation to the church extension and the faith that we need to continue reaching for those that are seeking.

God wants to bless us here this morning. He is looking for an excuse to bless us, we sometimes use that phrase looking for an excuse, God is look-

ing for an excuse to bless us, not that he is going to excuse sin but he is looking for an opportunity and may that be very slightest motion on our part, the slightest ditch that we dig God will bless.

I said earlier that the deeper we dig the more God will bless, it is very true, but even a very small effort on our part God already is blessing.:

### [2 Chronicles 16:9](#)

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

God is looking at you this morning, God is looking at me and is looking for opportunities to bless me and you and he is looking for those ditches and may we dig those ditches.

We talked about seven ditches this morning, there is a lot more ditches that we could dig we can talk about, but let's be willing to dig ditches in our lives so that God can bless and God will bless and it is no wonder that when we reach heaven that we are going to cast our crowns before Him. We have been blessed so much and then yet that to crown it all.

May God bless us and give us burdens where we need to be deeper and dig further.