

**NBC Devotional**  
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**“Affirmations”**

*“The company of the prophets said to Elisha, “Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet.” And he said, “Go.” Then one of them said, “Won’t you please come with your servants?” “I will,” Elisha replied. And he went with them. They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water. “Oh no, my lord!” he cried out. “It was borrowed!” The man of God asked, “Where did it fall?” When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float.”*

Three affirmations were shared from this passage that can be also applied to the mission and work of NBC.

**1. The importance of ministerial preparation**

The school of ministry preparation of the prophets was too small because it was growing. What an important task to raise an army for God then, and now, here at NBC.

**2. The indispensable importance of mentoring presence**

One of the prophet students asked Elisha to go with him to build. Presence is important. A lot of ministry is caught, rather than taught. We must find ways online to connect and share life together with our students.

**3. Belief in God’s miraculous power**

As one of the prophet students was cutting down a tree, and the ax head fell into the water. Then a miracle took place. Elisha threw a stick in the water, and God made the iron ax head float (impossible without the supernatural). We at NBC must never lose the sense of the supernatural. We must live with the expectation of a miracle from our miracle working God.

As the words of a negro spiritual, “Nothing is too hard for Jesus, nothing is too hard for Him.” In the work we do, cloth ourselves in His mighty power, the all sufficient One.

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