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BORROWED FOR A TIME

Borrowing Series – Part 3

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In life, there are some things that we borrow to get things done in the same way that Elisha’s company did in 2 Kings 6: 1-7. Even Jesus borrowed some things while on earth. Our earthly lives and time have been lent to us by our Father. We must, therefore, make the best use of our life and our time by giving glory to our Father in everything we do (1 Corinthians 10: 31).

THE LOST AX HEAD

2 Kings 6: 1-7 tells us how the company of the prophet Elisha planned to build a better dwelling place. This plan had a setback because the ax head fell into the water (v. 5). In retrospect, the devil hates the expansion of God’s Kingdom and he will always try to disrupt God’s work. In verse 3, we see that even the guild of prophets took to the task of building the place. Everyone played a part in the task at hand. In the same way, we are all parts of God’s kingdom and we all have a purpose for being here. There is also a big significance in the loss of the ax head because this is a crucial part of the tool. The “ax head” may signify the leaders in the church of God: the Priests, Pastors, and others. Satan wants the “head”. This is the reason why leaders are always targeted and attacked by Satan.

Verses 5-7 narrates how one of the workers exclaimed that the borrowed ax head was lost and how it was recovered. This verse illustrates that we must be conscientious about things that we borrow.

SOME THINGS JESUS BORROWED:

1. He was conceived in a borrowed womb.
2. He was delivered in a borrowed manger.
3. He was raised by a borrowed family.
4. He grew up in a borrowed culture.
5. He borrowed water to make wine (John 2: 1-10).
6. He borrowed the 12 apostles to spread His message.

7. He borrowed the boat to preach (Luke 5: 3).
8. He borrowed the coin from a fish to pay His tax (Mt. 17: 27).
9. He borrowed the house where He healed the paralytic (Luke 5: 17-26).
10. He preached in a borrowed synagogue (Luke 4: 16-17).
11. He borrowed a bucket from the Samaritan woman to draw water from the well (John 4: 5-30).
12. From a boy, He borrowed 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed 5,000 men (Mt. 14: 13-21).
13. He rode to town on a borrowed donkey (Mt. 21: 1-7).
14. He ate the last supper in a borrowed room (Luke 22: 7-13).
15. He borrowed a basin to wash the disciples’ feet and a towel to wipe them (John 13: 4-5).
16. He was buried in a borrowed tomb and gave it back 3 days after (John 19: 38-42).

Jesus demonstrated that our lives here on earth consist of borrowed time. This borrowed time we are living in is not really ours to use as we please; God is lending it to us because He loves us, so we must feel the urgency to use it to its fullest potential. Ephesians 5: 16 reminds us to watch carefully how we live, making the most of the opportunity. Hence, we mustn’t waste our time, but cultivate our relationship with God and family.

CONCLUSION: We all live on borrowed time and we do not know how much time we still have because borrowed time is not permanent. Therefore, our borrowed lives must be dedicated to giving glory to God. We need to use our time, talent and treasure for God’s work. We need to surrender our life to God.

REFLECTION:

- 1) What could Jesus borrow from you?
- 2) What would you like to lend to Jesus

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