

WHEN GOD MAKES THE BITTER PLACE BETTER

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“Elisha now returned to Gilgal, and there was a famine in the land. One day as the group of prophets was seated before him, he said to his servant, “Put a large pot on the fire, and make some stew for the rest of the group.”³⁹ One of the young men went out into the field to gather herbs and came back with a pocketful of wild gourds. He shredded them and put them into the pot without realizing they were poisonous.⁴⁰ Some of the stew was served to the men. But after they had eaten a bite or two they cried out, “Man of God, there’s poison in this stew!” So they would not eat it.⁴¹ Elisha said, “Bring me some flour.” Then he threw it into the pot and said, “Now it’s all right; go ahead and eat.” And then it did not harm them.” 2 Kings 4:38-41 (NLT)

1. **Difficult Seasons** Make Us Vulnerable to Unhealthy Things

*“Elisha now returned to Gilgal, and there was a **famine in the land.**” 2 Kings 4:38 (NLT)*

2. Healing Begins When We **Honestly Identify** What Is Wrong

*“Man of God, **there’s poison in this stew!**” 2 Kings 4:40 (NLT)*

3. What Has Been Contaminated **Can Still Be Restored**

*“Bring me **some flour.**” Then he threw it into the pot and said, “**Now it’s all right**” 2 Kings 4:41 (NLT)*

4. God Restores Us So That We Can **Nourish Others**

*“**Go ahead and eat.**” And then it did not harm them.” 2 Kings 4:41 (NLT)*