

## DON'T STOP AT THREE

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"When Elisha was in his last illness, King Jehoash of Israel visited him and wept over him. "My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!" he cried. <sup>15</sup>Elisha told him, "Get a bow and some arrows." And the king did as he was told. <sup>16</sup>Elisha told him, "Put your hand on the bow," and Elisha laid his own hands on the king's hands. <sup>17</sup>Then he commanded, "Open that eastern window," and he opened it. Then he said, "Shoot!" So he shot an arrow. Elisha proclaimed, "This is the LORD's arrow, an arrow of victory over Aram, for you will completely conquer the Arameans at Aphek." <sup>18</sup>Then he said, "Now pick up the other arrows and strike them against the ground." So the king picked them up and struck the ground three times. <sup>19</sup>But the man of God was angry with him. "You should have struck the ground five or six times!" he exclaimed. "Then you would have beaten Aram until it was entirely destroyed. Now you will be victorious only three times." 2 Kings 13:14-19 (NLT)

### How To Respond To An Opportunity From God

1. Recognize That God-Given Opportunities Can Look Ordinary

*"Elisha told him, "**Get a bow and some arrows.**" And the king did as he was told." 2 Kings 13:15 (NLT)*

2. Remember That God's Initiative Requires Our Response

*"Elisha told him, "**Put your hand on the bow,**" and Elisha laid **his own hands on the king's hands.**" 2 Kings 13:16 (NLT)*

3. Realize that God-Given Opportunities Call For A Passionate Response

*"Then he said, "Now pick up the other arrows and **strike them against the ground.**" So the king picked them up and struck the ground three times." 2 Kings 13:18 (NLT)*

4. Refuse To Settle For Partial Victory

*"Now you will be victorious only three times." 2 Kings 13:19 (NLT)*

*"Then Jehoash son of Jehoahaz recaptured from Ben-hadad son of Hazael the towns that had been taken from Jehoash's father, Jehoahaz. Jehoash defeated Ben-hadad **on three occasions**, and he recovered the Israelite towns." 2 Kings 13:25 (NLT)*