

Trivial Matters and Miracles
II Kings 6:1-7

A matter of too small a space for the prophetic community. 1-5

- ◆ It wasn't easy being a prophet or a prophet-in-training in the evil northern kingdom (I Kgs. 18:4, 19:2, II Kgs. 4:1-7, 38-44, 6:31, 8:1)
- ◆ In spite of persecution / poverty, growth requires a building project.
- ◆ Poverty requires borrowing tools. Notice he *cried out* (as in 4:1,40)

A miracle shows God's concern for the seemingly small. 6-7

- ◆ Not all agree on what happened here and what it means. Options:

- ◆ Are you shocked Elisha thought this accident was worth a miracle? Just compare this to his other miracles (healing, raising the dead, multiplying oil / food, blinding armies, determining battle victories).
- ◆ What must be remembered about a tool like an iron axe?



It's easy "to confuse God's greatness with His bigness." What should this seemingly trivial story suggest about God's concern for the "axe-head incidents" in our own lives? See I Pt. 5:7.