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Topic: Prophets of Fire and Water: The Best Help

Scripture text: 2 Kings 6:1-7

1. The LORD blessed the school of prophets at Jericho with growth in numbers despite a time of spiritual declension in Israel. It led to insufficient space for accommodation. The sons of the prophets exercised their human responsibility by seeking their principal, Elisha, for permission to shift to Jordan. They exercised human responsibility by building with their own hands and did the tasks necessary to construct a new building. Self-help can be applied in the family when the head of the household diligently studies God's Word and leads his family in spiritual matters.

2. Self-help must come in unison with God's help. Without God, we can do nothing. One of the servants asked Elisha to go to Jordan with them because it is under the request that they are submitting to God's will. All our deeds and desires must be "God being willing" and we must be willing to follow Him wherever He directs.

3. A prophet's borrowed axe fell into the river during the cutting process. Elisha performed a miracle by the power of God by causing the sunken iron axe to float on the surface and move to the location where Elisha was. When our wills are aligned with God's, He will surely help us to fulfill it. Self-help with God's help is the best help in our lives.