

## Getting My Spiritual Edge

How To Have A Great Year, Starting Now! #4

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Your commands give me an edge on my enemies.

**Psalms 119:98 (MSG)**

The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise, getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come. <sup>19</sup> The road of the wicked, however, is dark as night. They fall, but cannot see what they have stumbled over.

**Proverbs 4:18-19 (GNT)**

We are not saying that we can do this work ourselves. It is God who makes us able to do all that we do. **2 Corinthians 3:5 (NCV)**

- Spiritual Edge: **The presence and power of God in my life.**

The groups of prophets said to Elisha, "The place where we meet with you is too small for us. <sup>2</sup> Let's go to the Jordan River. There everyone can get a log, and let's build a place there to live." Elisha said, "Go." <sup>3</sup> One of them said, "Please go with us." Elisha answered, "I will go," <sup>4</sup> so he went with them. When they arrived at the Jordan, they cut down some trees. <sup>5</sup> As one man was cutting down a tree, the head of his ax fell into the water. He yelled, "Oh, my master! I borrowed that ax!" **2 Kings 6:1-5 (NCV)**

<sup>6</sup> Elisha asked, "Where did it fall?" The man showed him the place. Then Elisha cut down a stick and threw it into the water, and it made the iron head float. <sup>7</sup> Elisha said, "Pick up the axhead." Then the man reached out and took it. **2 Kings 6:6-7 (NCV)**

### How do I get my Spiritual Edge?

#### 1. **I admit I've lost it.** (v.5)

As one man was cutting down a tree, the head of his ax fell into the water. He yelled, "Oh, my master! I borrowed that ax!"

Samson... did not know that the Lord had left him.

**Judges 16:20 (NIV)**

...even the light has gone out of my eyes.

**Psalm 38:10b (NIV)**

Why are you so far away, O LORD?

**Psalm 10:1 (GNT)**

#### 2. **I determine where I lost it.** (v.6a)

Elisha asked, "Where did it fall?" The man showed him the place.

#### Edges are lost through:

- **Neglect.**
- **Wear & Tear.**
- **Damage.**

But I had almost stopped believing; I had almost lost my faith.

**Psalm 73:2 (NCV)**

#### 3. **I expect God to help me get it back.** (v.6b)

Then Elisha cut down a stick and threw it into the water, and it made the iron head float.

Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, "Because you believe I can make you see again, it will happen." **Matthew 9:29 (NCV)**

...If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. **Jeremiah 15:19 (NLT)**

#### 4. **I do my part.** (v.7)

Elisha said, "Pick up the axhead." Then the man reached out and took it.

Give me back the joy of your salvation. Keep me strong by giving me a willing spirit. **Psalm 51:12 (NCV)**

...The love you had at first is gone. <sup>5</sup> Remember how far you have fallen. Return to me and change the way you think and act, and do what you did at first. **Revelation 2:4-5 (GWT)**

#### Three steps to restoring my spiritual edge in 2016:

- **Remember...**
- **Return...**
- **Repeat...**