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## ICON – PART 7

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### START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- What was one of the first packages you remember sending? Where was it going? How much effort did it take?

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### START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- How has our society moved from “commitments are good” to “commitments are to be avoided?” List a few ways you’ve seen this happen.
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- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

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### START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- If someone were to ask you, “Where are you?” how many different ways could you answer it?
- The main question of the message was, “If I am not where I want to be, why do I continue to choose to stay where I am?” Why do you think this is?
- 2 Kings 6 and 7 detail a desperate situation, in which most every person, did nothing. Why do we frequently think doing nothing is a good idea?
- What is an area of obedience to God you put off for a long time? Why did you? What happened after you obeyed? How different was the outcome from your “worst case scenario?”
- Pastor Mark compared “giving up” (Jesus take the wheel) to “giving in” (Jesus tell me where to drive). Share a time in your life when you’ve done either of those things. Which worked out?
- Every day we choose to live in the past, stay in the present, or create the future. What did Jesus teach about living in the past?
- The 4 men with leprosy had courage. Do you believe there is more courage in you than danger ahead of you? Why or why not?
- What would you have done if you would’ve been in the king’s palace? (2 Kings 7:9-14)
- Is there an area you are praying for clarity, even though God has spoken clearly? Are you willing to confess that to the group?

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### START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Heavenly Father, when I feel fear this week, remind me it is not from You, it has never been from You, and You are not wanting me to be trapped by it. In the Name of the One who never felt fear. Amen.

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### START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Once this week remind yourself, “Fear is not from God.”

### **Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)**

<sup>34</sup> Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

<sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

<sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

### **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### **2 Kings 6:24-29 (NIV)**

<sup>24</sup> Some time later, Ben-Hadad king of Aram mobilized his entire army and marched up and laid siege to Samaria.

<sup>25</sup> There was a great famine in the city; the siege lasted so long that a donkey's head sold for eighty shekels of silver, and a quarter of a cab of seed pods for five shekels.

<sup>26</sup> As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, "Help me, my lord the king!"

<sup>27</sup> The king replied, "If the LORD does not help you, where can I get help for you? From the threshing floor? From the winepress?"

<sup>28</sup> Then he asked her, "What's the matter?" She answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give up your son so we may eat him today, and tomorrow we'll eat my son.'

<sup>29</sup> So we cooked my son and ate him. The next day I said to her, 'Give up your son so we may eat him,' but she had hidden him."

### **2 Kings 7:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."

<sup>2</sup> The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" "You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"

## **Luke 9:62 (NIV)**

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

## **2 Kings 7:9-20 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> Then they said to each other, "We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace."

<sup>10</sup> So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, "We went into the Aramean camp and not a man was there--not a sound of anyone--only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were."

<sup>11</sup> The gatekeepers shouted the news, and it was reported within the palace.

<sup>12</sup> The king got up in the night and said to his officers, "I will tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide in the countryside, thinking, 'They will surely come out, and then we will take them alive and get into the city.'"

<sup>13</sup> One of his officers answered, "Have some men take five of the horses that are left in the city. Their plight will be like that of all the Israelites left here--yes, they will only be like all these Israelites who are doomed. So let us send them to find out what happened."

<sup>14</sup> So they selected two chariots with their horses, and the king sent them after the Aramean army. He commanded the drivers, "Go and find out what has happened."

<sup>15</sup> They followed them as far as the Jordan, and they found the whole road strewn with the clothing and equipment the Arameans had thrown away in their headlong flight. So the messengers returned and reported to the king.

<sup>16</sup> Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a seah of flour sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley sold for a shekel, as the LORD had said.

<sup>17</sup> Now the king had put the officer on whose arm he leaned in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died, just as the man of God had foretold when the king came down to his house.

<sup>18</sup> It happened as the man of God had said to the king: "About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."

<sup>19</sup> The officer had said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" The man of God had replied, "You will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat any of it!"

<sup>20</sup> And that is exactly what happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died.