

# Flying Off the Handle



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“I’ll come,” he answered.

4) So he went with them, and when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5) As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water, and he cried out, “Oh, my master, it was borrowed!”

6) Then the man of God asked, “Where did it fall?”

When he showed him the place, the man of God cut a piece of wood, threw it there, and made the iron float. 7) Then he said, “Pick it up.” So he reached out and took it.

## Two Objectives:

1. What “axe heads” are loosening in our lives and about to fly off the handle
2. What proactive steps can we take to reverse or prevent the loosening

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## **“Son’s of the Prophets” (vs 1)**

- Modern day Hebrew Fraternity at a seminary or Bible college
- Built community buildings, shared a common table
- Mostly they sought permission to act on their part from their leader (Elisha)

## **“...to the Jordan (River)” (vs 2)**

- They most likely meeting in Jericho
- Chose to go down to the Jordan River because it was very fertile
- Today, “Let’s build next door to Lowe’s or Home Depot”

## **“...they cut down trees” (vs 4)**

- Tools back then were expensive and rare, especially made out of iron
- Unless they were rich, they would not have been novelty items like they are for many today
- They were poor seminary students...had to borrow them

## **“As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axe head fell into the water” (vs 5)**

- Most likely the axe head began loosening with use by the student
- Lack of following instructions from the owner
- Lack of awareness, too busy competing with his buddies on how many trees he could cut down

**HORIZONTAL LENSE**  
Relationships with Others



Spouse and Children  
Brothers/Sisters in Christ (Church)  
Unbelievers



**VERTICAL LENSE**  
Relationship with Christ

Intentional, undistracted,  
Time with God

Complacency towards  
Sin in your life

