

FIXING THE STEW **Turning Negatives Around**

WHEN THINGS NEED FIXING

A. Multiple approaches

1. Deny and Ignore - short term relief and long term disaster
2. Overwhelmed - often leaves people paralyzed in regards to taking action
3. Resist / tackle / take it head on - requires courage to take responsibility

B. Get God involved

1. With His help things can change - from negative to positive (*Isaiah 35:4-6 NKJ*)

DEATH IN THE STEW (*2 Kings 4:38-41 NKJ*)

A. A major mistake was made

1. Not intentional, but still harmful - still must be addressed

B. They went to the one who could help

1. Elisha, as a prophet, was a representative of God

C. An unusual solution

1. Regular flour does not fix poison
2. Had to require faith on their part to eat

FIXING YOUR STEW (TURNING YOUR NEGATIVES AROUND)

A. Don't add in more death

1. Your words are important especially when dealing with negatives (*Proverbs 12:18 NKJ*)
2. Words can bring damage or healing

B. God's ingredients for fixing relational stew (*Ephesians 4:31-32 NLT*)

1. He instructs us what to leave out
2. He instructs us as to what to add in

C. Ask God for wisdom (*James 1:5-6 NKJ*)

1. He has wisdom and He gives wisdom
2. Our part is to ask and believe - before we see an answer

D. God's answers require faith on our part to implement

1. His answers can appear

E. Jesus was the "flour" for the death in the world's stew

1. He came that we might have life!