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- Two Examples:*
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 - 2. The Situation of Ahaziah's Accident*

II. Reflection

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- 2. Discipleship occurs through resilience and reflection*

III. Reward

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- 2. Elisha requested a double portion*
- 3. Elijah went up buy a whirlwind into heaven*

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