HOPE FLOATS Reconnecting To The God Who Loves Us

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1"One day the group of prophets came to Elisha and told him, 'As you can see, this place where we meet with you is too small. ²Let's go down to the Jordan River, where there are plenty of logs. There we can build a new place for us to meet.' 'All right,' he told them, 'go ahead.' ³'Please come with us,' someone suggested. 'I will,' he said. ⁴So he went with them. When they arrived at the Jordan, they began cutting down trees. ⁵But as one of them was cutting a tree, his ax head fell into the river. 'Oh, sir!' he cried. 'It was a borrowed ax!' ⁶'Where did it fall?' the man of God asked. When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. Then the ax head floated to the surface. ⁷'Grab it,' Elisha said. And the man reached out and grabbed it." ² Kings 6:1-7

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⁴"However, I have this against you: The love you had at first is gone. ⁵Remember how far you have fallen. Return to me and change the way you think and act, and do what you did at first. I will come to you and take your lamp stand from its place if you don't change." Revelation 2:4-5

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