

## **Point of View: Seeing What God Sees**

### **2 Ki 6:8–17**

<sup>8</sup> Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, “At such and such a place shall be my camp.” <sup>9</sup> But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there.” <sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

<sup>11</sup> And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?” <sup>12</sup> And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.”

<sup>13</sup> And he said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him.” It was told him, “Behold, he is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup> So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” <sup>16</sup> He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” <sup>17</sup> Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

The Servant vs Elisha

### **WHAT THEY SAW**

- The Servant – **The Natural**
- Elisha – **The Spiritual**

What do you see? What has surrounded you?

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## **YOUR PERCEPTION WILL DICTATE YOUR EMOTIONS**

### **WHAT THEY FELT**

- The Servant – **Panic**
- Elisha – **Peace**

**Isaiah 26:3** <sup>3</sup>You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

### **HOW THEY RESPONDED**

#### **YOUR PERCEPTION WILL DICTATE YOUR EMOTIONS WHICH WILL DICTATE YOUR RESPONSE**

- The Servant – **Control**
- Elisha – **Prayer**

### **THIS IS THE GOSPEL**

**Eph 2:1–5** <sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

### **WHAT DO WE DO?**

1. Ask God to Open Your Eyes to the Bigger Picture
2. Choose Peace Over Panic by Anchoring Your Perspective in God
3. Respond with Prayer First
4. Accept Jesus as your Savior

**Next Steps:**

Become a Follower of Jesus today.

Sign up for Baptism on Aug 24<sup>th</sup>

Sign up to serve in a ministry.