

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Anointed - Part 4

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Introduction

As believers we know that trusting in God does not mean that problems won't come our way. Most of us have experienced how overwhelming and challenging life can be, even as followers of Christ. The good news is that even when we are surrounded by challenges, we can have our eyes opened to see with spiritual eyes that God has gone before us. In 2 Kings 6, Elisha sees a problem with his spiritual eyes. He then takes it captive and repositions it, and through this change God clears the slate between Aram and Israel.

Bible Passage

Reading: 2 Kings 6:8-23

Discussion

1. What part of your life feels like it is at war right now? What is the outer reality of that war? How are your internal emotions responding to it?
2. Read 2 Kings 6:15-16. How can we expand our line of vision and see beyond what our physical eyes can see? What does it look like when we bring God into our narrative?
3. Elisha took a stance when he saw the Aramean army. When trouble comes, why is it important to take the situation captive? What does it look like for followers of Christ to be in control of their fear?
4. "The problem is not the problem. It is what you do with it that determines whether you have a problem or not." How did Elisha re-position the dangerous situation they were in? What can you learn from this in regard to your current personal war (discussed in question 1)?

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5. Read 2 Kings 6:21-23. What is the difference between the king's response and Elisha's response? Recall and share a time in your life when God intervened in your emotions to protect you.
6. Read Colossians 2:13-15 and Romans 8:31, 35. God brought peace between Aram and Israel through Elisha. Through Christ and His crucifixion, He freed us from a war that otherwise we wouldn't have won. How are you with God? What can hinder us from remembering what he has done for us?

Respond

When a problem comes our way, it is important for us as believers to see it with our spiritual eyes. God will not only fight for us, but He will also use that fight for a greater purpose, just as he brought peace to Aram and Israel. Knowing that God is with you, what is one act of kindness and mercy you could do this week to show God's love to someone in your world?