

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?" (2 Kings 6:15)

Elisha's servant woke up early one morning and was confronted with an overwhelming situation, the Syrian army surrounding the city. Earlier, the Syrian king suspected a traitor in his court, only to find out that Elisha, a prophet of God, was leaking information the King of Israel. Now, the Syrian king was going to deal with his problem.

As the servant nervously asks what now, Elisha calmly responds, ***"Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."*** (2 Kings 6:16) And right there is the difference. When one is confronted with an overwhelming situation, it is the situation itself that takes center stage in one's sightline. You cannot see a way around or a solution to the problem. That was the servant's situation, but Elisha saw something else. Yes, he knew about the Syrian army surrounding the city, but he was not fixated on them.

"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." (2 Kings 6:17) Elisha was not overwhelmed because he knew God was overwhelming the overwhelming situation. As Romans chapter eight says, ***"If God is for us, who can be against us."*** And thus, knowing and believing that God is for you, any overwhelming situation is immediately deflated.

Eventually, Elisha prayed, and the Lord struck the army with blindness and Elisha led them away. The Lord was then and is still in control, but do you have the eyes to see. If not then allow me to pray for you, ***"Lord, open their eyes that they may see."*** That is my prayer for those who are overwhelmed. May you see that the Lord has everything in hand. May you know that God loves you with an everlasting love. May you believe that God's love has you surrounded, overwhelming that which is trying to overwhelm you. The enemy would love nothing more than for you to throw in the towel, something that Elisha's servant was ready to do. But do not give in to that which surrounds you. Through faith in Jesus, the Father's horses and chariots of fire surround you. See them and be at peace.

Father, for those who do not know you, open their heart to receive the Good News. For those feeling overwhelmed, open their eyes to see your angel armies. For those who are feeling defeated, strengthen them with Your love. For those who are afraid, give them courage. And for those who are at their wit's end, give them wisdom and discernment. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.