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**Willerup United Methodist Church**  
**Sermon Notes**  
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Unseen Resources: 2 Kings 6:13-23

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<sup>13</sup> “Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup> Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

<sup>16</sup> “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

<sup>18</sup> As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, “Strike this army with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

<sup>19</sup> Elisha told them, “This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to Samaria.

<sup>20</sup> After they entered the city, Elisha said, “LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see.” Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

<sup>21</sup> When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, “Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?”

<sup>22</sup> “Do not kill them,” he answered. “Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master.” <sup>23</sup> So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent

them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.

Elisha: The man of God

God revealed to him the very schemes of the King of Syria which the king dreamed in his bedroom. The king began to search for Elisha and sent the army and surrounded the city of Dothan. They came by night and surrounded the city with horses, chariots and soldiers.

Vs. 15: The servant of the man of God arose early and went out. He saw the army surrounding the city and reported to his master Elisha.

“Alas my master, **What shall we do?**”

*The question arises in our minds and hearts when we are surrounded by events, troubles, situations. Our hearts are perplexed and we wonder - **WHAT SHALL WE DO?***

Vs. 16: Elisha says to his servant, “You have seen only what your physical eye sees, look closely from your eyes of faith and assurance of Christ/God's presence.”

1. Do **not fear**

2. Those who are **with us** are more than those who are **with them**

In our text then Elisha did something more after assuring his servant.

Vs.17: He **prayed** and said: “Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.”

We need to pray for opening the eyes of our faith!

Unseen Resources - The prayer was answered instantaneously here.

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.**

Vs.18-19: When the Syrians came down to him, he prayed to the Lord, “Strike this people I pray with blindness.” They became blind. ... Elisha led them to Samaria.

Vs. 20: When they had come to Samaria, He said, “Lord, open the eyes of these men that they may see, and the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria.”

The prayer is the **practice.**

Some things I can change, some not, so help me to understand this and do the same.

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### **Some of the examples we have in the Bible**

#### **1. Moses:** Moses told the Israelites (Exodus 14:13)

<sup>13</sup> Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

1. Do not be afraid (do not fear to go),
2. Stand Still - Be still (quiet), have peace,
3. And see the salvation of the Lord.

### **Interference and Involvement of God**

**2. Hagar:** Hagar and Ishmael (wife and son of Abraham) was sent out by Sarah as he was not the promised child (Isaac was). (**Genesis 16:13**)

**Hagar said:** “Have I also here seen him who sees me?”

**3. Isaiah:** The Lord has built a watchtower in the midst of the vineyard.

*Are we afraid? The Lord assures us- Don't be afraid, I am with you.*

*Let us open our eyes and see who else is surrounding us beside the enemy, the situations, the hardships, the death? (Isaiah 5:2)*

**4. Joshua:** Joshua in the battle of Jericho - A man stood opposite him with a sword drawn in his hand and Joshua went to him and said to him “Are you for us or our adversaries?” The reply came, “No, I am the commander of the armies of God and now have come. ... Take your sandals off Joshua - for the place where you stand is holy.” (Joshua 5:13-15)

**5. David:** Psalm 23 says - Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil.

Why? Because You are with me.

*We fear when we do not perceive the presence of God.*

Sin hinders us to see God - we are afraid to come into His presence because of the wall of separation between us and God. We need to confess.

David lost the joy of salvation when he indulged in sin - sin of covetousness, sin of adultery, and sin of murder. He had to run around and lost his kingdom. The joy of salvation was restored when he reconciled with God. He was assured of the presence of God. *The joy of salvation gives us the assurance of His presence and peace.*

*Confession is a must.*

**6. Stephen:** The first martyr of the church. He was stoned for his faith and witness. The Lord opened his eyes that he had never seen before - he looks into heaven and sees the UNSEEN - The invisible - sees **the glory of God** and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God welcoming him to heaven.** (Acts 7:5)

**7. The Disciples:** (Matthew 8:23-27) The disciples saw the waves and were frightened. What shall we do? We perish.

*In our life we come across these situations - what does the word of God say?*

**8. Paul:** Saul the persecutor on the road to Damascus - suddenly sees that which has not been seen before - A light shines around about him, he looks and inquires, "Who are you?"

"I am Jesus whom you persecute."

He **saw Jesus and His glory** (Acts 9)

Finally,

- Paul says in Romans 8:3 "What then shall we say? If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- "WHAT EYE HAS NOT SEEN, WHAT EAR HAS NOT HEARD, THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN KEPT BY GOD FOR THEM WHO LOVE HIM." (1 Corinthians 2:9)
- Jesus said to his disciples, "The one who is **in you** is greater than the one who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

Who is in you? Jesus Christ, His Holy Spirit which assures us the **presence** and **power of God.**