

## **It's Not As Bad As It Looks**

### **Application of Prayer**

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**Scripture: 2 Kings 6:8–17 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

<sup>9</sup> The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” <sup>10</sup> So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places. <sup>11</sup> This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?” <sup>12</sup> “None of us, my lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.” <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.

### **#1 – There’s a Spiritual Reason**

Sometimes we search for natural explanations when the real root is spiritual.  
Be aware — there’s a battle behind the scenes.

### **#2 – Don’t Force It**

Not every attack requires a natural reaction.  
Human solutions often fall short where spiritual insight is needed.

### **#3 – Two Different Experiences**

The same situation can produce panic or peace — it depends on what you see.  
Elisha and the servant were surrounded, but only one was scared.

#### **#4 – There's Already a Defense**

God had already made provision before the problem appeared.

Sometimes the answer isn't for God to move — it's for Him to help you see.