

The Principle of The Bigger Picture

“There’s More to This Than What You See”

2 Kings 6:8-23 NLT

8 When the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he would confer with his officers and say, “We will mobilize our forces at such and such a place.”

9 But immediately Elisha, the man of God, would warn the king of Israel, “Do not go near that place, for the Arameans are planning to mobilize their troops there.”

10 So the king of Israel would send word to the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he would be on the alert there.

11 The king of Aram became very upset over this. He called his officers together and demanded, “Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel of my plans?”

12 “It’s not us, my lord the king,” one of the officers replied. “Elisha, the prophet in Israel, tells the king of Israel even the words you speak in the privacy of your bedroom!”

13 “Go and find out where he is,” the king commanded, “so I can send troops to seize him.”

And the report came back: “Elisha is at Dothan.”

14 So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.

15 When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. “Oh, sir, what will we do now?” the young man cried to Elisha.

16 “Don’t be afraid!” Elisha told him. “For there are more on our side than on theirs!”

17 Then Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!” The Lord opened the young man’s eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

18 As the Aramean army advanced toward him, Elisha prayed, “O Lord, please make them blind.” So the Lord struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked.

19 Then Elisha went out and told them, “You have come the wrong way! This isn’t the right city! Follow me, and I will take you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to the city of Samaria.

20 As soon as they had entered Samaria, Elisha prayed, “O Lord, now open their eyes and let them see.” So the Lord opened their eyes, and they discovered that they were in the middle of Samaria.

21 When the king of Israel saw them, he shouted to Elisha, “My father, should I kill them? Should I kill them?”

22 “Of course not!” Elisha replied. “Do we kill prisoners of war? Give them food and drink and send them home again to their master.”

23 So the king made a great feast for them and then sent them home to their master. After that, the Aramean raiders stayed away from the land of Israel.

PSA- PROPHETIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The season of the “attack of lack” is over and the power of the spirit of oppression has met its end.

I don't know, how it's being done or how fast it's going to be done, all I know is, it's done. It may not look like it, feel like it, sound like it. But it is **DONE!!! The only way your enemies will find you, is when you open your mouth and let out the wrong stuff!! We are about to step into a place, starting now, that is called Apostolic and Prophetic Intensity and Power.**

- **We are about to begin discovering in prayer what the devil is planning in private.**

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Introduction: The path that God has us on, is the one that we need in order for us to learn to live independent of our own control.

“As long as we control the remote we will only watch what appeals to us.”

“Personal sacrifice is the cure to Personal suffering and setbacks.”

“CURES FOR THE CRANKY”

“Whining and Dying instead of Winning by Demanding”

Problems With Your Minds Eye

- **Fearful of an unknown future: Many of you are afraid of what you don’t know.**

FEAR- FALSE EVIDENCE APPEARING REAL

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- **Faith says look until see.**

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True Prophets carry something that ordinary people don’t carry. Trouble looks and follows after that which is true, so if you are a part of an apostolic and prophetic community, with true apostolic and prophetic people, expect demonic hierarchies to attempt to invade and disrupt.

- **If all you ever see is what’s before you, or that which is in your eye view, you will never see the bigger picture.**
- **There is something bigger and better on the other side this.**
- **If you have a backup plan to God’s plan, then God’s plan won’t work for you.**
- **Some people are only as strong as their circumstances allow them to be.**

Don’t let devil in the details dictate how you respond to crisis that are bigger than you comprehension.

God Stacked the Deck in Our Favor, to Glorify Himself

- **Pre-conditioned Promises - Commitments that God made.**
- **Pre-conditioned Protection - Coverage because you belong to Him. He is protecting His investment.**
- **Pre-Conditioned Provision - Cost free resources that comes from being loyal to your confidence in God.**

I don't want to make this sound easy, but it is; once you stop believing that you should control the narrative to your own story. Life is a compilation of comedy, drama, action, romance, thrillers, and horrors. The key to making it through all of the nuances of life, is knowing that God is the writer, director and producer of everything that we face in life.

- **Faith without works is dead, but work doesn't mean that you are to work around Gods plan and His will.**

We work with God by faith not by our own will and desire.

Will we have challenges still? Absolutely yes we will.

However the attacks will be crafted different and directed in a way that they won't appear to be attacks.

Apostolic Instructions to Avoid against Spiritual Infidelity.

We have to guard our gates in this new season and make sure that only people who are aligned to our Apostolic and Kingdom of God Community Agenda settle here.

We have to guard ourselves from ourselves, so that the spirit of **Absalom, Jezebel, and Korah** is never allowed to arise among us. People have to earn their trust, and be willing to be a part of what we're doing and where we are going. We must be careful of runaways who leave other places due to rebellion but look to come here and hide until they can find a way to do the same thing here. We are disciples of Christ and that's the DNA of our Church Community. If you're not committed to the growth of our church then you should not go to our church.

Homework for A Hope-Filled Week

Deuteronomy 31:8 KJV

Isaiah 45:2 KJV

Psalms 18:6

Psalms 37:3-6 KJV

Psalms 91:7 KJV