

“Call of Duty” Pt 1

CENTRAL QUESTION:

Are we walking in spiritual authority or living defeated by fear and circumstances?

I. WE ARE IN A REAL BATTLE (2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5)

Key Scripture: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

What This Means:

- We live in physical bodies (we get tired, hungry, frustrated)
- Our battle is NOT against other people or churches
- Our battle is against the enemy of our souls
- We have spiritual weapons that are mighty through God

The Enemy's Battle Strategy:

- Cut off communication (prayer and fellowship)
- Starve you out (cut off your spiritual food supply)
- Limit your ammunition (weaken your faith and confession)
- Make you feel alone and isolated
- Ambush you when you're vulnerable

Reality: Many Christians have tempers but no fight. We have mouths but no spiritual authority.

II. THE SERVANT'S PROBLEM: FAILURE TO SEE (2 KINGS 6:8-23)

Key Scripture: 2 Kings 6:15-17 "And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his

servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see."

The Story:

- Syria was at war with Israel
- God warned Elisha of Syria's ambush plans
- Syria surrounded Elisha's house to capture him
- The servant saw only the enemy army and panicked
- Elisha saw the spiritual reality: chariots of fire and angels

What Happens When We're Surrounded:

- We become fearful
- We lose our focus
- We can only see the problem, not God's power
- We ask "What are we going to do?" instead of trusting God

The Servant's Journey:

- He had SEEN miracles before
- He KNEW about God's power
- But when surrounded, he forgot everything
- His failure to focus led to fear

III. OPENING OUR SPIRITUAL EYES

The Prayer: "LORD, open his eyes that he may see"

What the Servant Saw:

- The Syrian army was still there (problems don't always disappear)
- But the mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire
- God's army was greater than the enemy's army
- Angels were encamped all around them

Key Insight: The servant could see in the natural but was blind in the supernatural.

Two Realms of Vision:

- Natural vision: sees only circumstances, problems, enemies
- Supernatural vision: sees God's presence, power, and protection

The Difference It Made:

- BEFORE seeing: "What shall we do?" (fear and panic)
- AFTER seeing: Confidence to walk out boldly
- The servant went from defeated to empowered

IV. WE ARE CALLED TO DUTY

Our Identity:

- We are ALL part of God's army
- We have different ranks and responsibilities
- But we're all called to serve and fight
- We don't fight alone

What This Looks Like Practically:

- Praise God even when you feel defeated
- Worship even when you're outnumbered
- Serve even when you're tired
- Trust even when circumstances look impossible

The Greatest Praise:

- Anyone can praise when everything is going well
- True worship happens when you're in the battle
- Praising in difficulty is a powerful weapon

Listen to the Commander:

- The servant couldn't see what the prophet could see

- We need spiritual leadership and discernment
- Don't just rely on natural understanding
- God may be saying "Don't go there" or "I've got this"

The Victory:

- Elisha struck the Syrian army blind
- Led them into the heart of Israel
- Opened their eyes when they were surrounded
- Fed them and sent them home
- Syria stopped warring against Israel

V. LIVING IN VICTORY

Key Truths to Remember:

- You are on the winning side
- Nothing the enemy throws at you can ultimately defeat you
- Death itself is not defeat for believers - it's victory
- Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world

Daily Battle Strategy:

- Keep your spiritual eyes open
- Don't fight in your own strength
- Use your spiritual weapons (prayer, Word, worship)
- Remember: they that be with us are more than they that be with them

KEY TAKEAWAY:

We are called to duty in a real spiritual battle. The enemy wants to blind us to God's power and presence, but when our spiritual eyes are opened, we see that God's army surrounds us and victory is assured through Christ.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- What battles are you facing that have made you feel surrounded?

- Are you seeing only in the natural or also in the supernatural?
- How can you strengthen your spiritual vision this week?
- What would it look like to praise God in the midst of your current battle?

Scripture References for Further Study: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 | 2 Kings 6:8-23 | Ephesians 6:10-18 | Psalm 34:7 | Romans 8:31 | 1 John 4:4