

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

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Introduction:

- A. Elisha and his protégé are surrounded by Syrian forces and delivered by God's power - 2Kings 6:8-23
- B. Christians must walk by the same kind of faith, making choices in life to flee immorality and to pursue righteousness - 2Cor. 5:7
 - 1. Our enemy is powerful and crafty - 1Peter 5:8-9
 - 2. However, our God is all-powerful and all-wise - James 4:7; 1John 4:4

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- A. The power of God:
 - 1. To create all things - Rom. 1:20; Acts 17:26-28
 - 2. To protect and save His people - Ex. 14:13-14; 2Chron. 20:15-24
 - 3. To deliver and vindicate His people - Rom. 8:30-39 Note the terms: Savior - vs. 32; Intercessor - vs. 34; Defender - vs. 38
 - 4. To keep our souls safe in the face of trials - 2Tim. 1:12; 1Peter 1:6-7
- B. The power of truth - Heb. 4:12
 - 1. Truth is an attribute of God, part of His Being - Deut. 32:4; John 17:17
 - 2. Truth is the power that convicts the heart and saves the soul from sin
 - a. John 16:8, 13; Rom. 1:16
 - 3. Truth has the power to protect us - Eph. 6:10, 13-17
 - 4. “The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie. One word of truth outweighs the world.” (Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn)
- C. The power of love - 1John 4:17; 1Peter 4:8; Col. 3:14
 - 1. Love has the power to overcome evil - Rom. 12:20-21; Matt. 5:43-45
- D. The power of unity - Eph. 4:1-6; Ecc. 4:9-12
- E. The power of forgiveness - Matt. 18:21-27; Mark 11:25
 - 1. Our spirit of forgiveness toward others must reflect God's forgiveness of us - Eph. 4:32; Matt. 6:12, 14-15
 - 2. Forgiveness has the power to heal offenses, strengthen relationships, and secure the bonds of love in the home and in the church.
 - 3. “When I'm praying for you, I am praying for my own peace of mind. I can only have for myself what I am willing to wish for you.” (Marianne Williamson)
 - 4. Forgiveness has a powerful effect on those who see it - Matt 18:31

Conclusion:

- A. The power of God is at our disposal - Phil. 2:12-13
- B. “With God, you are stronger than your struggles and more fierce than your fears. Let your life reflect the faith you have in God. Fear nothing and pray about everything. Be strong, trust God's word.” (Germany Kent)