

**SERMON NOTES**

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**Sermon Series****The Reveal**

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**Sermon Title****Elisha 1/4**

**Daniel 2:28** “.....but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.”

Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, “My camp will be in such and such a place.” And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there.” Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?” And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.” So he said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him.” And it was told him, saying, “Surely he is in Dothan.” Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, and said, “LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then 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. **2 Kings 6:8-17**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Comes:

“ . . . Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.” **2 Kings 6:14**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Without \_\_\_\_\_ :

“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.”

**2 Kings 6:15**

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

*The Condition for a miracle is Difficulty but for a Great miracle is Impossibility*

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ :

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“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” **2 Corinthians 5:7**

1-Night time  
2-Sight, Vision  
3-Reveal



### **Priming The Pump**

Share with the group if you ever had something, some very specific information revealed to you? i.e if it had not been disclosed to you, you would not been able to know it.

Did you attribute it to God at the time?

### **The Main Point**

**Elisha** not only saw the armies that were not visible to others but he also saw Elijah taken up by God by similar chariots and horses of fire. And because he saw that event a double portion of Elijah's spirit was poured upon Elisha.

Widening the search, what are some other things that God has revealed to you?

These are things that you otherwise could not have known, had God not opened your eyes to them.

What were the circumstances under which you received these revelations? They are not exactly things around which you plan.

i.e. dreams, in a service, on a walk, reading your Bible, while you were praying, other, etc...

### **◆◆ Look at **Psalm 25:12-15****

List the **7 characteristics** of the man or woman who fears the Lord according to these verses?

### **Make each characteristic a prayer point for your group.**

Pray that these qualities would be yours and increasing... (**2 Peter 1:8**)

Then take some time and in silence, **ask God** to speak and reveal things to each of you and then listen...

Remain patient as you wait on the Lord. It's a learning curve for getting used to just being quiet and filtering out other noises/voices. Try to focus away from the present day's requirements and stresses and just wait and listen. Consider it a time of experimenting if you have never done anything like this. At an appropriate time, close the time of listening by thanking God and then sharing what you heard or saw. *(keep in mind you may not immediately know that meaning of any particular image or word or picture - tuck it away in your heart and keep asking for disclosures)*



#### **FURTHER READING**

Day 1 **John 19**

Day 4 **John 20**

*Scripture for Daily Reading*

Day 2 **Numbers 22**

Day 5 **Psalm 53**

Day 3 **Psalm 52**

Day 6 **Psalm 54**