

Open My Eyes, So I May See

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Opening Thought:

If _____ is important...
how much more important is _____!

⁸Now 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." ⁹The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰So 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. ¹¹This 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?" ¹²"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."

Scene 1: The _____ of Elisha

With God's help, Elisha can clearly see:

- _____ his own human ability
- Causing him to be _____ in making _____

¹³"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." ¹⁴Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When 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. ¹⁶"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷And 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.

Scene 2: The _____ of Elisha's servant

Without God's help, Elisha's servant is limited to see:

- _____ his own human ability
- Causing him to be _____ to his _____

When God opens his eyes, everything changes:

- Eyes of _____ → Eyes of _____
- Mind of _____ → Mind of _____
- Heart of _____ → Heart of _____
- My resources are _____, but God's resources are _____

¹⁸As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, “Strike this army with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked. ¹⁹Elisha told them, “This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to Samaria. ²⁰After they entered the city, Elisha said, “Lord, open the eyes of these men so they can see.” Then the Lord opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. ²¹When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, “Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?” ²²“Do not kill them,” he answered. “Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master.” ²³So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel’s territory.

Scene 3: The _____ of the Arameans

Without God’s help, the Aramean soldiers are limited to see:

- _____ their own human ability
- Causing them to be _____ on the _____

When God opens their eyes, everything changes:

- Instead of _____ God’s man, they are _____ God’s man
- Instead of an _____, they receive a _____

Closing Thought:

God brings about spiritual sight as we nurture a
_____ with Jesus Christ.

This week, let’s pray continually:

“ _____ ”
“ _____ ”