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### **Surrounded On All Sides**

**Ephesians 1:18** - *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,*

**John 9:39** - *Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."*

**2 Kings 6:8-23** - *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."<sup>9</sup> 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."<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> 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?"<sup>12</sup> "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!"*

#### **SURROUNDED ON ALL SIDES**

**2 Kings 6:13-17** - *"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."<sup>14</sup> So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.<sup>15</sup> 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.<sup>16</sup> "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!"<sup>17</sup> 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.*

- **God's Army Is Bigger And More Powerful Than The Enemy**
  1. **He Showed Personal Concern Through A Word Of Encouragement.**
  2. **He Gave Spiritual Reasons As To Why We Need Not Fear.**
  3. **He Prayed For His Servant's Growth.**

**Psalm 27:1-3** - *The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?*<sup>2</sup> *When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.*<sup>3</sup> *Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.*

- **In Crisis, Elisha Was Calm, Relaxed, And Confident**