

Day 7

This week's theme: Do you see what I see?

This week's power verse: "Then Elisha prayed, 'Lord, open His eyes and let Him see.'" 2 Kings 6:17

Our Bible lesson this week has been in 2 Kings 6:8-23. The very last sentence of this Scripture tells us what happens next. Or should I say, what DOESN'T happen next. The enemy groups from Aram stop attacking God's people, the Israelites. The unstoppable enemy was STOPPED by God! God can stop the unstoppable, quiet the loud, humble the proud and beat the enemy, every single time! Victory is ours for the taking through Jesus. We can have the absolute ULTIMATE victory over our ULTIMATE enemy, the devil. Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we are ULTIMATELY victorious! So, wave the checkered flag: you are a winner with God and you have the victory! Say, "SO LONG" to the devil - the enemy has been stopped in his tracks by our GOD!

Activity: Take a few minutes and think about something you do that you need to STOP doing. Just like God STOPPED the enemy from attacking the Israelites, God wants to help you STOP something you are doing that you shouldn't be doing. Maybe it is teasing someone, maybe it is not obeying your parents, maybe it is watching a TV show you shouldn't. Whatever it is, decide now, with God's help, that you will STOP IT!

Prayer Idea for Today: Dear Jesus, I've finished my first week of VICTORY! I NEVER want to stop loving You, God! Right now I give to you whatever it is I need to stop doing. Please give me the power and the courage to stop doing that and START acting differently. Jesus, You make all the difference! Amen!

10 Week *Victory!* Devotional

Week 1

Written by Pastor Linda Schreck

Day 1

This week's theme:

"Do you see what I see?"

MAIN FOCUS

*"Even when you can't see Him,
God is fighting for your victory!"*

POWER VERSE

*"Then Elisha prayed, 'Lord, open
His eyes and let Him see.'
2 Kings 6:17*

BIG IDEA

*"Even when I cannot see,
God's right in front of me!"*

Congratulations! You have the VICTORY right in your hand! The VICTORY devotional, that is! Today starts your 10 week battle plan that is sure to end in VICTORY! When God is first in your life, then VICTORY is yours in Christ Jesus! I don't know about you, but I like to WIN and be on a WINNING team! With God on our side, VICTORY is sure! So, get your self ready - VICTORY is ahead - for the next 10 weeks, at least! We'll be looking at 2 Kings 6:8-23 this week. Can you remember from our children's church lesson what country was on its way to fight Elisha and the people of Israel? Here's a hint: it starts with the first letter of the alphabet. Still can't remember? Look it up in 2 Kings 6:8! **Prayer Idea for Today:** Dear Jesus, Thank you that even though I can't see You, You are here! And when You are here, victory is sure! Help me live a life of victory! AMEN!

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Do you think Elisha and the people of Israel could have ignored God and fought the battle against Aram how ever they wanted? Of course they could of. But would Elisha and the people of Israel have had such a wonderful and complete victory against the enemy if they had ignored God's directions and done it their own way? Of course....NOT! Same is true for us. We can think we know a better way to do something than God knows, but that is WAY WRONG! Sometimes it is hard to trust God - we don't see Him with our eyes and it can be hard for us to believe that He is right beside us guiding us. It can be easier to trust in something, or someone, that we can actually see with our eyes. That could have easily happened to Elisha. But Elisha knew better. He knew that just like you can't see the air, it is there. Just like you can't see the sun at night, it is there. Just like you can't see the Holy Spirit, He is always there! And not just the Holy Spirit is there, but God the Father and Jesus, God's Son, and all of His Heavenly host are there, I mean, HERE! Now THAT'S worth believing in - and doing things God's way!

Activity: Do something GOD'S way today - how about being especially kind to someone today?

Prayer Idea for Today: Dear Jesus, I don't ever want to ignore You and Your ways. God, there are a lot of people that ignore You. Right now I pray for someone I know that ignores You and Your ways and their name is _____. Please turn their hearts around and do whatever it takes so that they CAN'T ignore You anymore! Thanks, God! AMEN!

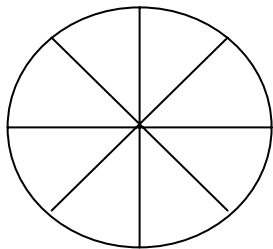
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God did the most amazing thing to the enemy of Israel - he made the whole army blind! Now I have heard of God healing blind people so they could see, but this time God did the OPPOSITE: he made them blind! I never would have ever even thought to pray that the enemy would go blind! God thinks in ways I can't even imagine! So, what does God do with a whole enemy army that can't see anything? No, He doesn't make silly faces and stick His tongue out at them!! God had Elisha lead them to Samaria, He made them able to see again and then Elisha fed them a feast with all sorts of delicious food - I wonder if they had pizza and ice cream? After the feast, Elisha sent the enemy back where they came from and the enemy left! I think that those horses and chariots that we looked at yesterday helped the enemy leave! God has power over everything and everyone - especially the enemy of our soul, the devil! We don't have to worry and wonder what the devil is up to and if the devil is going to get us. With God on our side, the enemy is blinded and can't even look us in the eye! I LOVE THAT!!! No eye contact with the devil for me - God will make sure of that!

Activity: Let's have a pizza party! Draw your favorite things to have on a pizza!



Prayer Idea for Today: Dear Jesus, No matter how you slice it, YOU can do ANYTHING - even the opposite of what I think You would do! Thank you that with God on my side, the enemy doesn't even have a chance! AMEN!

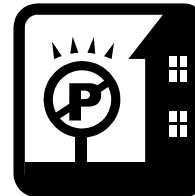
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Did you know that our enemy, the devil, thinks he can just move in and take over anyplace and anyone he wants? The devil thinks he can just do what ever he likes! The king of Aram in 2 Kings 6 thought the same thing. In verse 8 he said that he was going to set up his camp at a certain place. Elisha was going to be going past that place - and God warned Elisha that the enemy would be there waiting to get him! There was a super old TV show called "Lost in Space". In that TV show there was a robot that would warn a boy when danger was coming. The robot would say, "DANGER, WILL ROBINSON, DANGER!" If the boy, named Will Robinson, listened to the robot, he would be safe. But if the boy ignored the robot's warning, the boy would be in danger! God isn't a robot, of course - God is REAL and His warnings are REAL! Elisha listened to God's warning about the enemy and Elisha stayed safe! The enemy couldn't figure out how Elisha knew! But we know! GOD told Elisha and God can whisper into your heart when the enemy, the devil, is trying to move in on you! So, listen to God's warnings and the devil won't be able to do whatever he likes in your life!

Activity: What WARNINGS are these streets signs giving you?



Prayer Idea for Today: Dear Jesus, Thank you for caring so much for me that You warn me when I'm about to get into a dangerous situation. Lord, may I hear You speak to me clearly so that I can be quick to obey. Thank you for loving me more than anyone else does! AMEN!

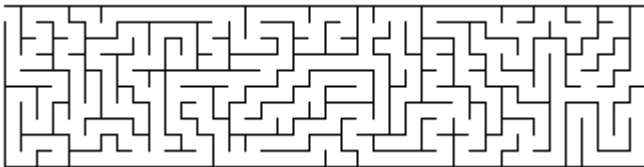
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When I was in 5th grade, my friend came up to me and said, "Frank and his buddies have been looking for you!" I knew that could only mean one thing: Frank was a bully and if he and his friends were looking for someone, it meant they were looking to have a fight against that someone. And that "someone" was me! HELP! I got real nervous real fast! What if Frank and his friends found me? I was all by myself and there more of them and they were bigger and stronger than me! What was I going to do? HELP! My friend gave me some great advice: pray and go ask a grown up for HELP! So, that's what I did - I prayed and went and asked a teacher for HELP. Do you know that Frank and his buddies never bothered me?! I know Elisha's servant got real nervous in 2 Kings 6 when the enemy was coming to beat them up! What do you think he did? He went and asked Elisha, God's prophet, for HELP! God just loves it when we ask Him for HELP! Did God send the enemy to the principal's office? Nah - they didn't have principal's offices back then (I know - lucky ducks!). You'll have to keep reading - you'll find out what happened to the enemy - but not tomorrow!

Activity: Help the boy get to His Bible.



Prayer Idea for Today: Dear Jesus, The Holy Spirit is the best helper ever! Please give me more of Your Spirit! Thank you that when I call on You for help, You are never too busy but ready to help! Please help those that I know that need the help that only You can give! AMEN!

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Have you ever seen the movie, "The Sound of Music"? There is a song in that movie that says, "The hills are alive with the sound of music." That's nice, but the hills in 2 Kings 6 were alive with something else, and it wasn't the Barney "Clean Up" song! Before Elisha's servant saw what he saw on the hills, Elisha did something we ALL should do before anything else: Elisha prayed! Did you know your prayers can help someone see God? It's true! When Elisha prayed, the servant's eyes were open to see the supernatural - to see God's horses and chariots full of fire all around Elisha! Were those horses and chariots really there? Yup, they sure were! But they were invisible to regular eyesight. What Elisha's servant saw was God's "behind the scenes" activity! I went to a school play the other day. I sat down in my seat and when I looked at the stage, it didn't look like anything was happening - all I saw was a closed curtain - nothing else. But then all of a sudden someone opened the curtain and I saw the whole a bunch of people on the stage and some props and scenery! It all had been hidden behind the scenes - behind the curtain. That's how it was with Elisha's servant: he couldn't see all that God was doing behind the scenes, but then God opened the servant's spiritual eyesight and he could see all of God's chariots and horses that would be fighting the battle. And God had the whole battle won even before the battle had begun! One day when we get to Heaven, God will open up the curtain of Heaven and we will see ALL that God has been doing behind the scenes for us! That is one scene I don't want to miss!

Activity: You can see God on every page in your Bible - take some time today to read the Word and SEE what God is saying to you today!



Prayer Idea for Today: Dear Jesus, What I can see with my eyes is just temporary - it all will eventually end. But what I can't see is FOREVER. Lord, give me more faith to believe in all that I can't see, including YOU! AMEN!