

Sermon Notes – September 21, 2025

Faith That Moves– Week 2: A Different Perspective
"One Step of Faith Can Change Everything!"

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SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 6:13-23 NLT

¹³ "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." ¹⁴ So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ As the Aramean army advanced toward him, Elisha prayed, "O Lord, please make them blind." So the Lord struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. ¹⁹ Then Elisha went out and told them, "You have come the wrong way! This isn't the right city! Follow me, and I will take you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to the city of Samaria. ²⁰ As soon as they had entered Samaria, Elisha prayed, "O Lord, now open their eyes and let them see." So the Lord opened their eyes, and they discovered that they were in the middle of Samaria. ²¹ When the king of Israel saw them, he shouted to Elisha, "My father, should I kill them? Should I kill them?" ²² "Of course not!" Elisha replied. "Do we kill prisoners of war? Give them food and drink and send them home again to their master." ²³ So the king made a great feast for them and then sent them home to their master. After that, the Aramean raiders stayed away from the land of Israel.

1) Feeling Surrounded

- Are there areas/circumstances in your life that have you feeling outnumbered, surrounded, and ready to give up?
- Don't let your circumstance cause you to see life through the lens of hopelessness.

2) You're Surrounded by Him

- When fear grips our hearts, faith remembers the promise that He is with us.
- Don't give up; look up!
- Elisha had peace and hope amid the trial because He had a different perspective. He had eyes to see the unseen.
- We need to see life from a new perspective. We need to remember to always add God to the equation!
- There is hope for us. We need to realize that we are surrounded by Him. He is always with us and for us (Deut. 31:8).
- We need to ask Holy Spirit to help us transform our perspectives to see things from His perspective.
- Being surrounded by God doesn't mean that we are not still surrounded, it simply means that we do not have to "be afraid" because the army that is on our side is greater!
- 2 Cor. 4:8-10; 16-18: We are going to go through seasons of "pressing" but we will not be crushed or destroyed.
- God longs to be involved in and fight our battles if we will just let Him.
- We have an eternal hope in Jesus!

3) Helping Others Find Freedom

- It's not enough for us to just see right, or know we are free, we are also called to help others have their eyes opened to the hope and freedom that can be found in Jesus.

- Your life has influence & impact: Our response and perspective in our surrounded moments can be the catalyst for someone else's eternal sight and freedom.

- Changed perspective + faith = Exponential transformation

- 1) Get up & look up: Put our confidence and trust in God. Change our perception. Live with the hope and courage that those who are with us are greater than our circumstances.

- 2) Shift perceptions by prayer: Ask Holy Spirit to open the eyes of our friends, families, and neighbours, so they can see Him.

- 3) Look for opportunities to help others: Let your life point people to the truth that there is an eternal hope and freedom in Jesus Christ.