

2 Kings 6:13–17 (NLT)

¹³ ...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.

The Power and the PRESENCE of God

2 Kings 6-7

God Cares for...

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- the **DESPERATE**
- the **HEARTBROKEN**
- the **HUNGRY**
- God Gives Grace to the **HUMBLE**



Mediterranean
Sea

ARAM

Sea of
Galilee



ISRAEL

Dothan.

Samaria.

Jordan River

Jerusalem.

Dead Sea



Elisha's Servant Learned...

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- Enemy Armies are **NO PROBLEM** for God
- God's Army is **NOT** always **VISIBLE**
- We are **NEVER** Outnumbered
- God is **ALWAYS** Victorious

Psalm 34:4–7 (NLT)

4 I prayed to the LORD, and He Answered me.

He Freed me from all my fears... **6 In my desperation**
I prayed, and **the LORD listened; He saved me** from
all my troubles. **7** For the angel of the LORD is a guard;
HE surrounds and defends ALL who fear Him.



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Matthew 5:43-44 (NIV)

You have heard that it was said,

Love your neighbor and **hate** your enemy.

⁴⁴ But I tell you: ...**LOVE** your enemies and

PRAY for those who persecute you...

Romans 12:17-21 (NIV)

Do NOT repay anyone evil for evil...

¹⁸ If it is **possible**, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace with everyone.**

¹⁹ **Do not take revenge**, my friends,
but **leave room for God's wrath**,
for it is written: "It is mine to avenge;
I WILL Repay, says the Lord."

²⁰ On the contrary: If your **enemy is hungry**, **FEED him**; if he is **thirsty**, give him **something to DRINK**. In doing this, **you will heap burning coals on his head.**" ²¹ **Do NOT be OVERCOME by evil, but OVERCOME evil with GOOD.**

What are we supposed to DO?

- **PRAY** for those who persecute you
- **DO** what is **RIGHT**
- Do **NOT** take **REVENGE** Let God
- **FEED** Your Enemy
- **Overcome** **EVIL** with **GOOD**

A holy God was NOT inspiring such atrocities. But He had **Removed His Restraint** on evil and allowed human **depravity** to take its **ugly course.** HOTC

⁹ Finally, they said to each other,
This is not right.
This is a day of GOOD NEWS,
and we aren't sharing it with anyone!

One Poor Beggar
telling another Poor Beggar
WHERE to Find FOOD!

Romans 1:16–17 (NIV)

¹⁶ I am **not ashamed of the gospel**,
because it is **the power of God** for the
Salvation of everyone who **Believes...**

17 For **in the gospel** a **righteousness** from **God is revealed**, a righteousness that is **BY Faith** from **FIRST** to **LAST**, just as it is written: The **Righteous** will live by **Faith**.

The **TRUTH** of the Gospel is
best shared in
the **Context of Relationship**

Sharing the GOOD News...

- Pray for **Opportunities**/ prepare the soil
- Plant a thought about **Jesus Christ**/ sew the seed
- Explain the facts/ water, weed,
- Gently Nudge/ harvest