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...

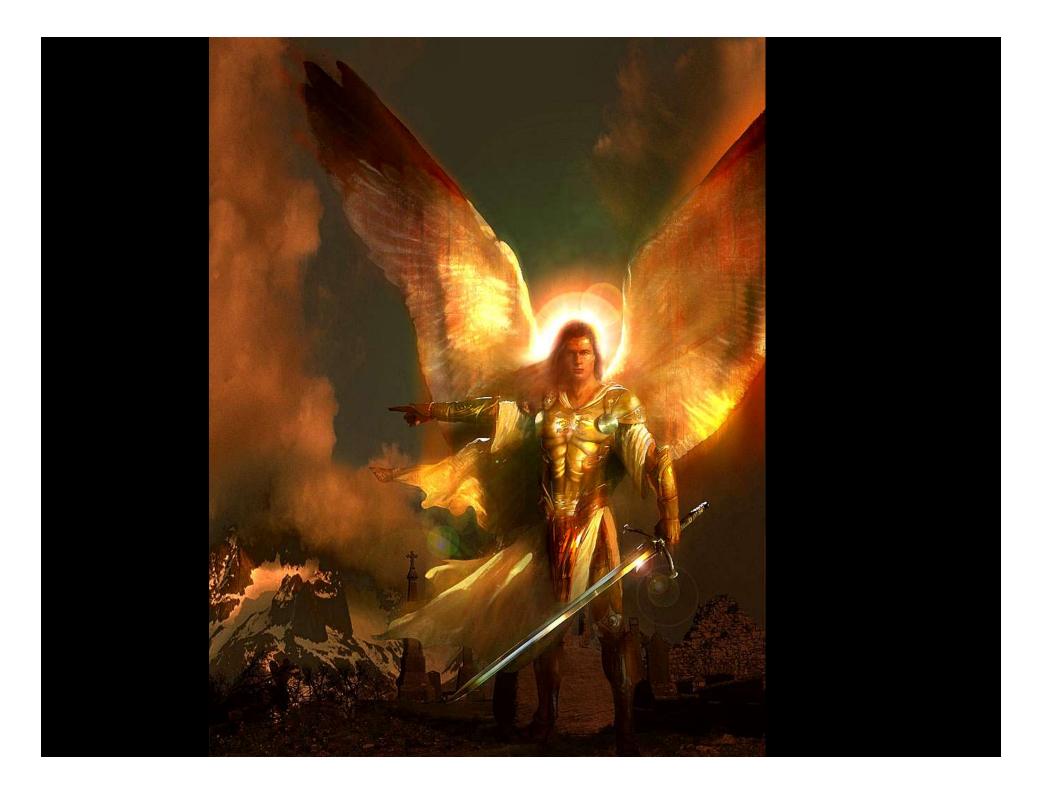
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the DESPERATE
the HEARTBROKEN

➤ the HUNGRY

➢ God Gives Grace to the HUMBLE



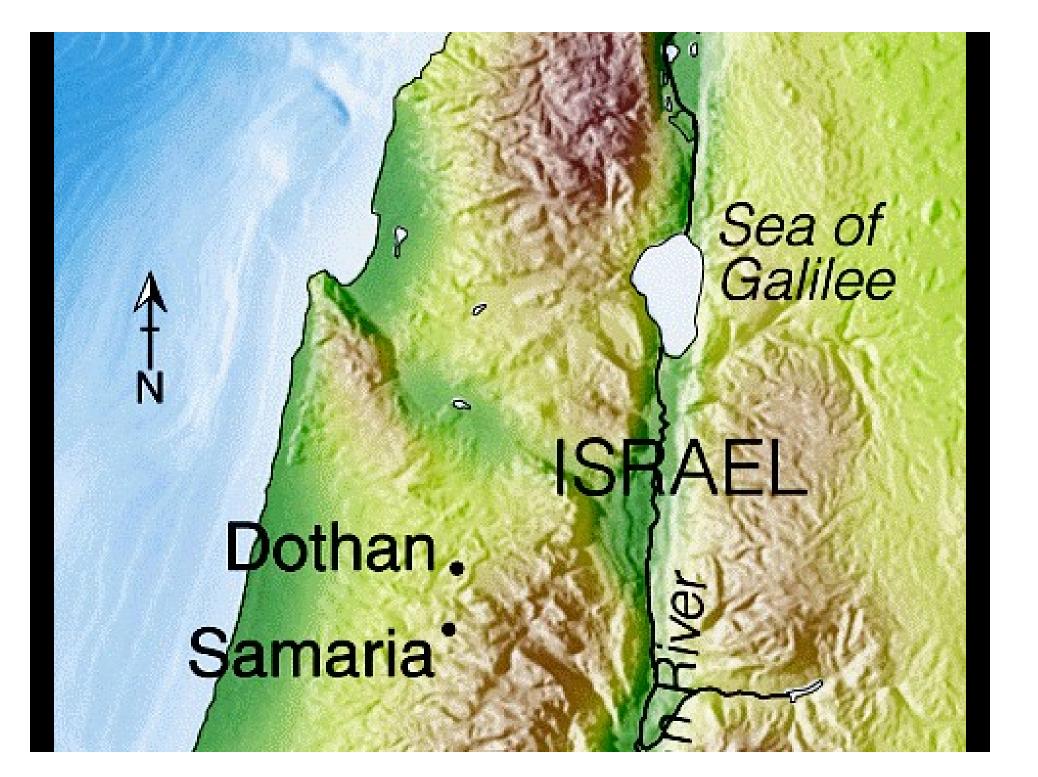


Elisha's Servant Learned... Swindoll

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.



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;
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. нотс

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