



Elisha vs. King of Syria 2 Kings 6:1-23

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Big Idea: Even when I cannot see...God's right there in front of me!

Life is Full of Challenges and Battles

Physical

- The challenge of finding an adequate place to live. (vs. 1-2)

Financial

- The challenge of being financially healthy. (vs. 3-4)
- The challenge of waiting for God to provide. (vs. 6-7)

Spiritual

- The challenge of trusting God when we cannot see His work.

Your Enemies Won't Fight Fair

- God reveals what we need to fight our battles. (vs. 8-10)
- God's Word and His people help protect us from danger. (vs. 11-12)
- But God is omniscient and omnipresent.
 - He knows what your enemies are planning.
 - He hears every word they speak.
 - He sees everything that happens behind closed doors.
- The devil and your enemies will try to destroy you. (vs. 13-14)

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8, NIV)

- Satan will use deceitful strategies to do his work.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:10-12)

Schemes: Cunning Arts, Crafty Methods, and Planned Trickery, Investigative Methods to Deceive.

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