

God uses Prayer to change People

2 Kings 6:15-23

Introduction:

As human beings we have a tendency to believe what our eyes see. As it has been said “the mind believes what the eyes see.” The problem with that is that we become mentally, emotionally and spiritually captive to what we physically see in our immediate context. For many people, their reality is what they see, period, and they will refuse to change. And isn’t it amazing how in some cases, 2 people can see the same event at the same time, and yet see it and interpret it differently. (Glass half full or half empty, Super Bowl win or lose).

As people who have faith in God though, we must always remember that we “*walk by faith, not by sight.*” And that we are encouraged to “*look at the things that are not seen, rather than the things that are seen. Because the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.*” As we see in the passage, that is not always an easy thing to do. But when we pray for one another, God can change the way we see things and bless us in the process.

- Israel’s problem with Syria became Elisha’s problem.
- Elisha’s servant only saw the negative, hopelessness of the situation.
- Elisha speaks words of reassurance to his friend, and tells him what he cannot see.
- Elisha prays for his friend that his eyes will be opened.
- When God opens his eyes, he sees more than he saw on his own.
- When the army comes, Elisha prays for God to blind them, close their eyes.
- God uses blindness throughout the bible to teach people humility, dependence.
- Elisha leads them to the King of Israel.
- Elisha prays for God to open their eyes back up.
- the King’s first thought is to kill them, but Elisha counsels him to handle them differently.
- The Syrians stopped their raids and attacks on Israel.
- The Servant was changed, the Syrians were changed, the King of Israel was changed because Elisha prayed throughout the ordeal.