

Victory Part 2 – Small Group Discussions



Key Points

- There is no victory without **struggle**.
- There is no victory with **sacrifice**.
- There is no victory without **danger**.

2 Kings 6:8-23 NIV (read this over as a group)

- To have victory, we have to have something to overcome. There has to be conflict.
- Anything worth doing is going to be HARD but the victory is worth the fight.
- Elisha has no idea what saying yes to God would mean for him, but he trusted that what God had instore for Him was far greater than what he could accomplish on his own.
- The enemies that come against us are not going to war with us, they are going to war with God.
- Our enemy is bound and determined to take us out.
- So often it seems like we are outmatched, outmanned, and outnumbered. The odds often seem like they are against us. The underdog story is a repeated theme all throughout Scripture. When things look the bleakest and most hopeless, that's when God steps in and does what only He can do.
- In the midst of overwhelming odds when we can't see any hope of victory, **we need to go to God** and ask Him for the ability to see what He sees. Pray, "**Open my eyes Lord.**"
- The army of heaven was there all along ready to fight the battle on their behalf. The servant was so focused on the power of the enemy, that he couldn't see it.
- God is already there. Victory has already been won. We just need the eyes to see.
- Our vision is so important when it comes to battle. What we see or don't see impacts how we approach the fight.
- God showed mercy to the enemy, he even went above and beyond.
- God wants us to want the victory that only He can provide and that means being willing to **do battle His way**.
- In following conventional wisdom, no one would feed and then release an opposing army whom they held captive. But God doesn't operate the way everyone else does and as His people, we are called to be different as well.
- God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God's faithfulness in the past is proof that He will be faithful in the present and the future.
- Even those who came against us as enemies can leave in peace when we show the love and mercy of Christ.
- Whether or not someone "deserves" love in our opinion, we are still called to give it to them. We were once an enemy of God and He still sent His Son to die on our behalf.
- One of the major keys to victory is to **listen** to the voice of God and **obey** what He says.
- If God called us to a battle, He didn't call us there so that we would get **destroyed**. He called us there so that we would be **delivered**.
- We don't see with normal eyes. We see with **eyes of faith**.

Memorize: 2 Kings 6:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

Questions:

1. God can win battles any way He chooses to. Are you okay doing things His way even when it doesn't make sense?
2. Is there an enemy you've been facing where you want to see justice, but God may be calling you to show mercy and compassion instead? What steps can you take to move toward peace?
3. What do you need to do to remind yourself that you are not alone in your battles? That those that are with you are more than those that are against you.

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