



**Title: Dealing with Life's Battles**

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**Scripture Text: 2 Kings 6:8-23**

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

In this life we face many 'battles'. Battles are the struggles we face as part of living in a broken world, a world broken by sin. These battles can come in the form of physical (health), emotional, relational, political, and spiritual. We will find ourselves in situations where we must choose how we will deal with life's battles. Will we attempt to take them on by ourselves; will we just give in and be overwhelmed by it all; or will we turn to God and leverage His power according to His will? The choice is ours.

### **I. God Knows Our Battles (Omniscient) (2 Kings 6:8-12)**

Elisha is a prophet for the northern kingdom of Israel and is the successor of Elijah. The nation of Aram (Syria) was located to the northeast of Israel and were their long-time enemies. 2 Kings 6 describes Aram's attempted invasion of Israel, but God, through Elisha, warned the Israelites what the Arameans were doing. God was enabling them to be one step ahead of their enemy, knowing where they could be found. Similarly, God knows what we are up to, where we are going, when we are disobedient, when we are in need, and when we are humbly submissive to Him. He knows!

- How can the assurance that God knows our battles and struggles bring comfort?
- What can be awkward about God knowing not just our battles, but also our thoughts, emotions, and actions?
- How can that awkwardness motivate us to humbly obey Him?
- When was a time when you were in the midst of a battle that you knew God was aware of your circumstances?
  - How did you know?

It is hard in the midst of a battle to remember God knows what's happening, so it's important to prepare before the battles arrive.

### **II. God is Present in Our Battles (Omnipresent) (2 Kings 6:13-17)**

The King of Aram is tired of Elisha giving away his location, so he sends a great army to capture him. When Elisha's servant saw the great army, he quickly went and told Elisha. Elisha told him not to be afraid, because "*those who are with us are more than those who are with them.*"

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Many times, our circumstances may seem overwhelming, but remember “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” ([1 John 4:4](#)).

- Regardless if you see or feel God’s presence, He is with you. What are things that might hinder you from seeing or feeling God’s presence?
- Describe a time when you saw or felt God’s presence.
- How do we open our spiritual eyes to recognize God’s presence more consistently (how can we see the chariots of fire more often)?
- How can others see God’s presence in our lives?

### III. God’s Power Carries Us Through Our Battles (Omnipotent) (2 Kings 6:18-23)

Elisha calls on God’s power to cast blindness on the Aramean army. He then takes them 7 miles to the Northern Kingdom’s capital city Samaria. Once there, Elisha calls on God a second time to remove their blindness. They are then taken captive.

- Who cast and removed blindness on the Aramean army, Elisha, or God?
- How can God use our circumstances as a demonstration of His power?
- When was a time when you experienced the power of God firsthand?
- When it comes to God’s knowledge, presence, and power, how can you encourage a brother or sister who is having their own battles?

Every time that you feel forsaken  
Every time that you feel alone  
He's near to the broken hearted  
Every tear

He knows, He knows  
Every hurt and every sting  
He has walked the suffering  
He knows, He knows  
Let your burdens come undone  
Lift your eyes up to the one  
Who knows  
He knows

He knows  
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Jeremy Camp, lyrics from the song He Knows