



- 2 Kings 6:15-19 (ESV) 15 When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

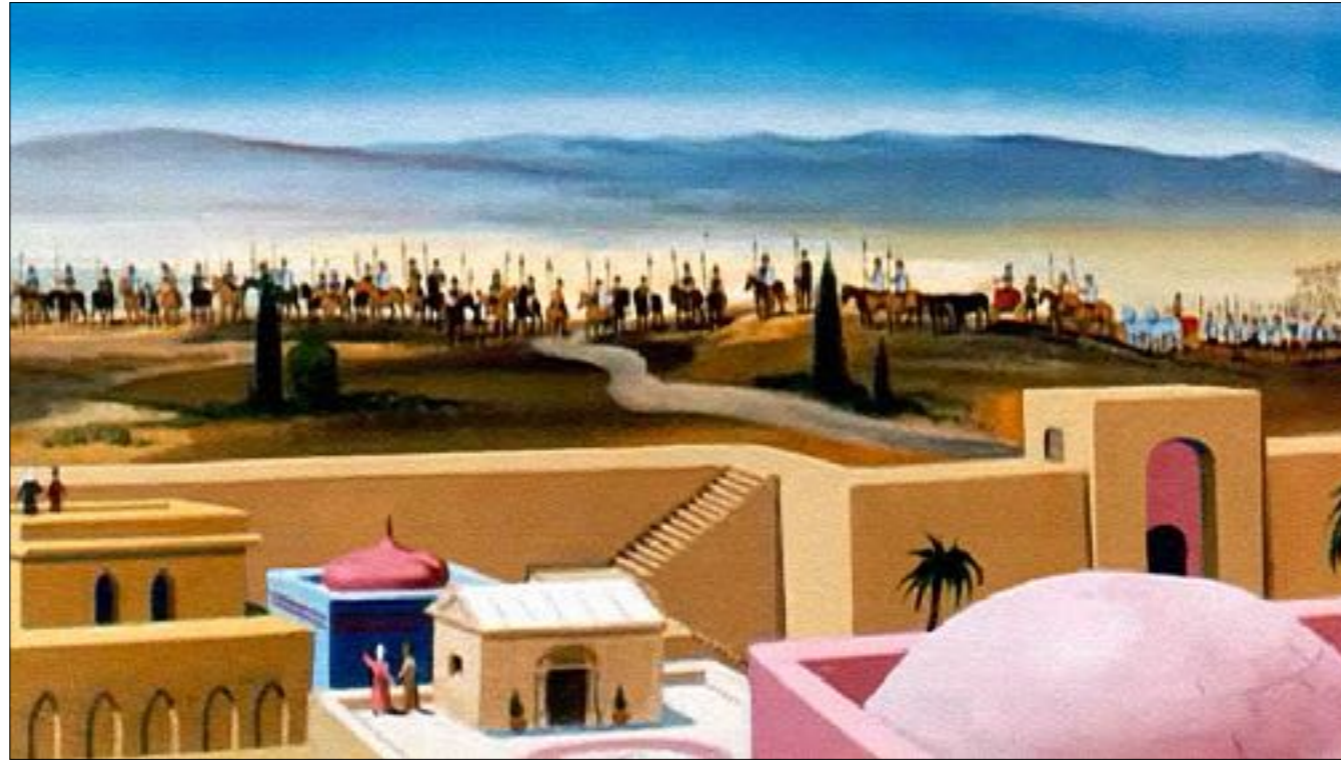


- Background
- King of Syria is constantly attacking Israel
- Failing because the prophet Elisha informs the King of Israel of the Syrian's plans and he escapes
- Happens multiple times.
- Somehow the king of Syria learns that Elisha is the "informant"
  - Goes to attack Elisha



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- 2 Kings 6:15 And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"
- The servant is afraid, panicky.



- The reason for the fear is very real.
  - A nation's army is going after Elisha.
  - How can Elisha and servant fight an entire army?
    - "What shall **WE** do?"
  - Run? Hide?



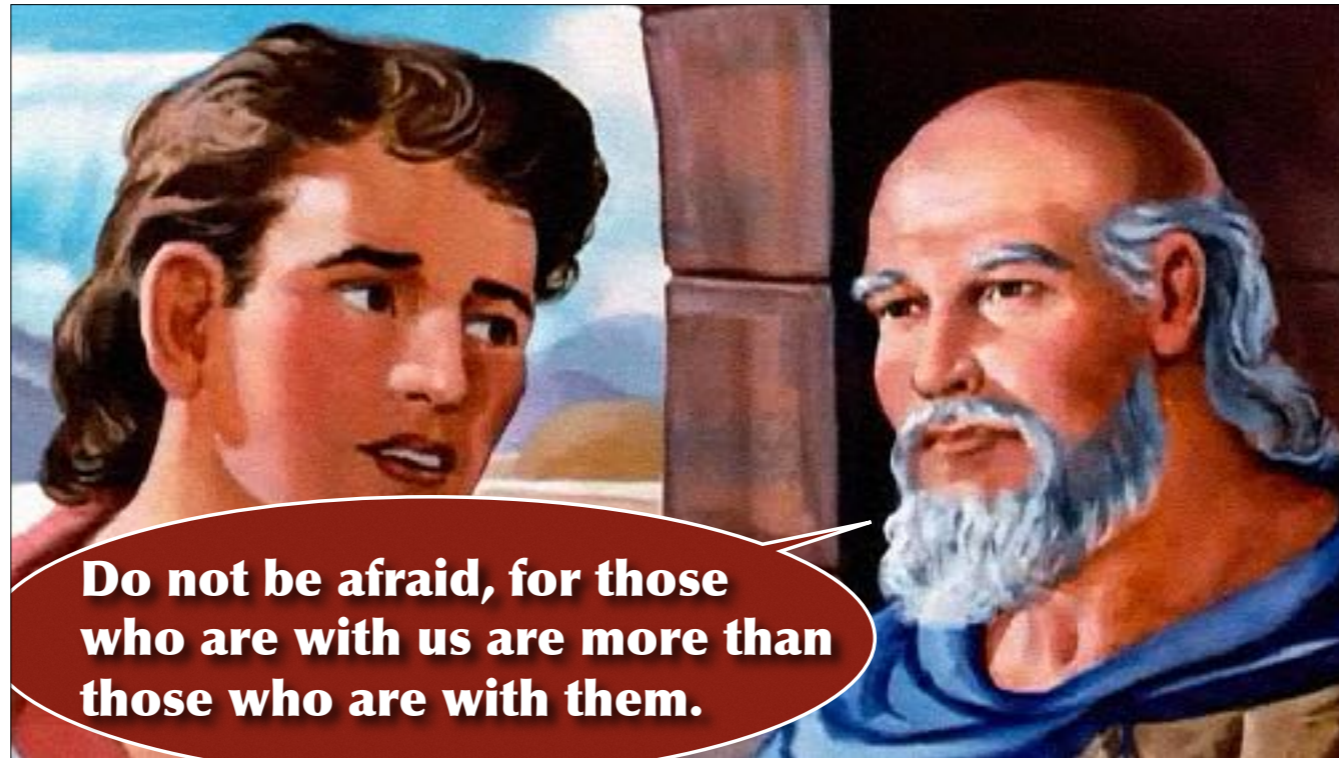
- Right now many of our friends and neighbors are afraid.
  - And maybe some of us are afraid too.



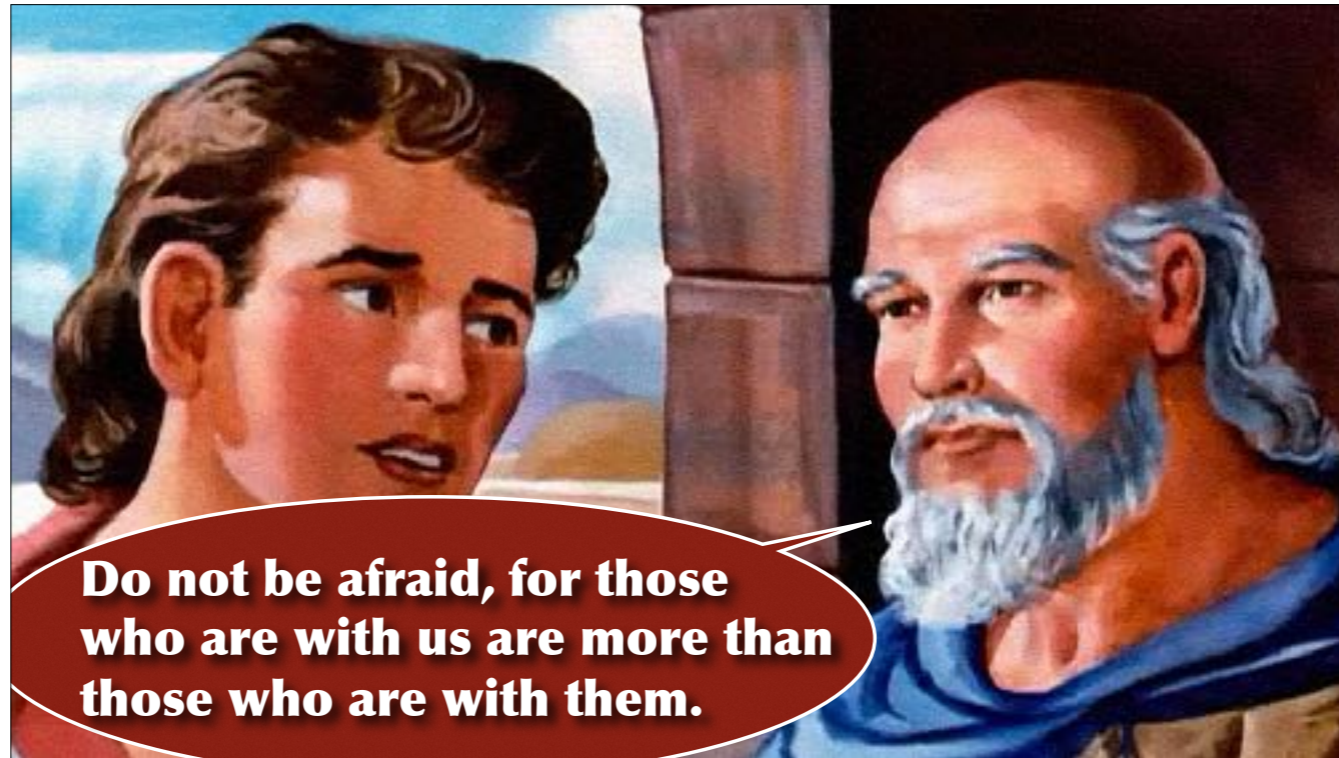


- There are times when circumstances in the world are difficult and scary.
  - With enough TP we'll all be okay.
  - Virus: illness and death; rumors and stories; government drastic measures
  - What shall we do?



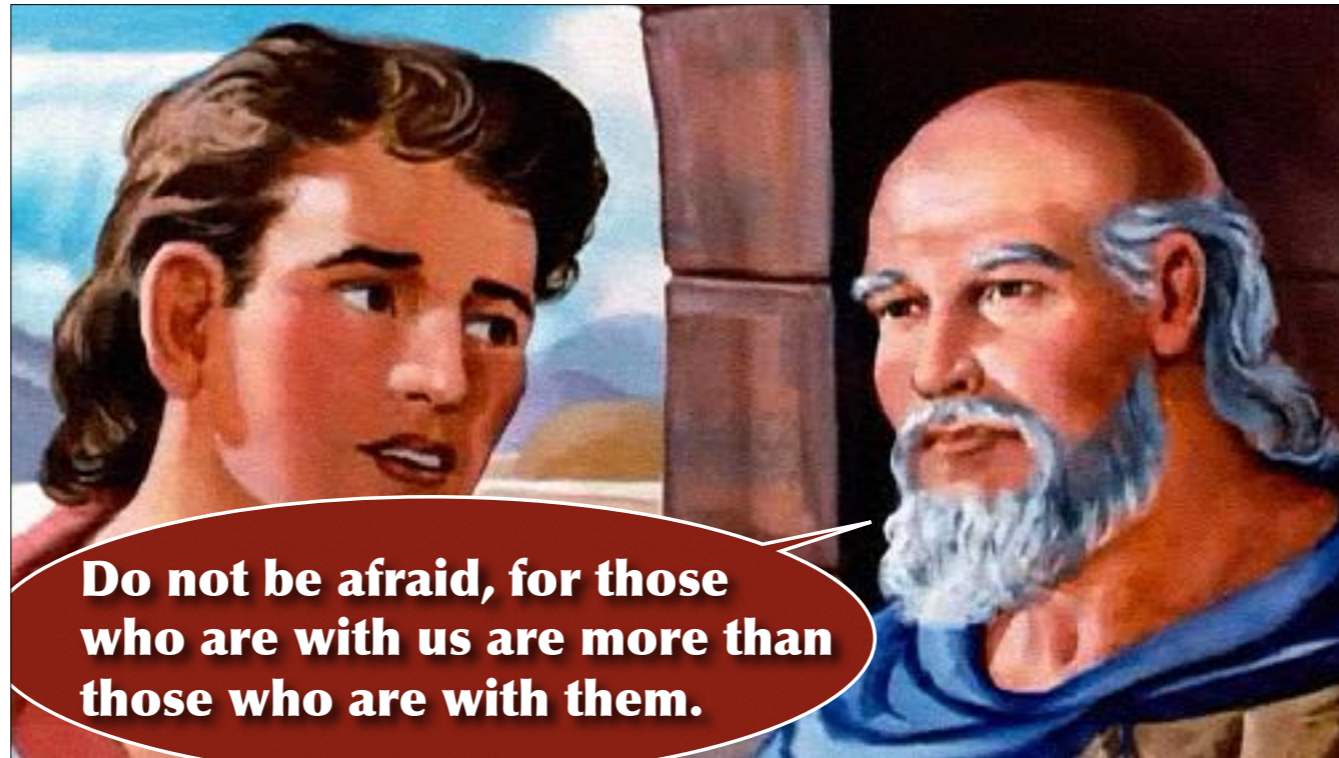


- 2 Kings 6:16 (ESV) He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”
- Elisha’s reminder to his servant is not only necessary, it’s touching and helpful.
- Sometimes we need a gentle voice of reason to refocus on what is most important.



**Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**

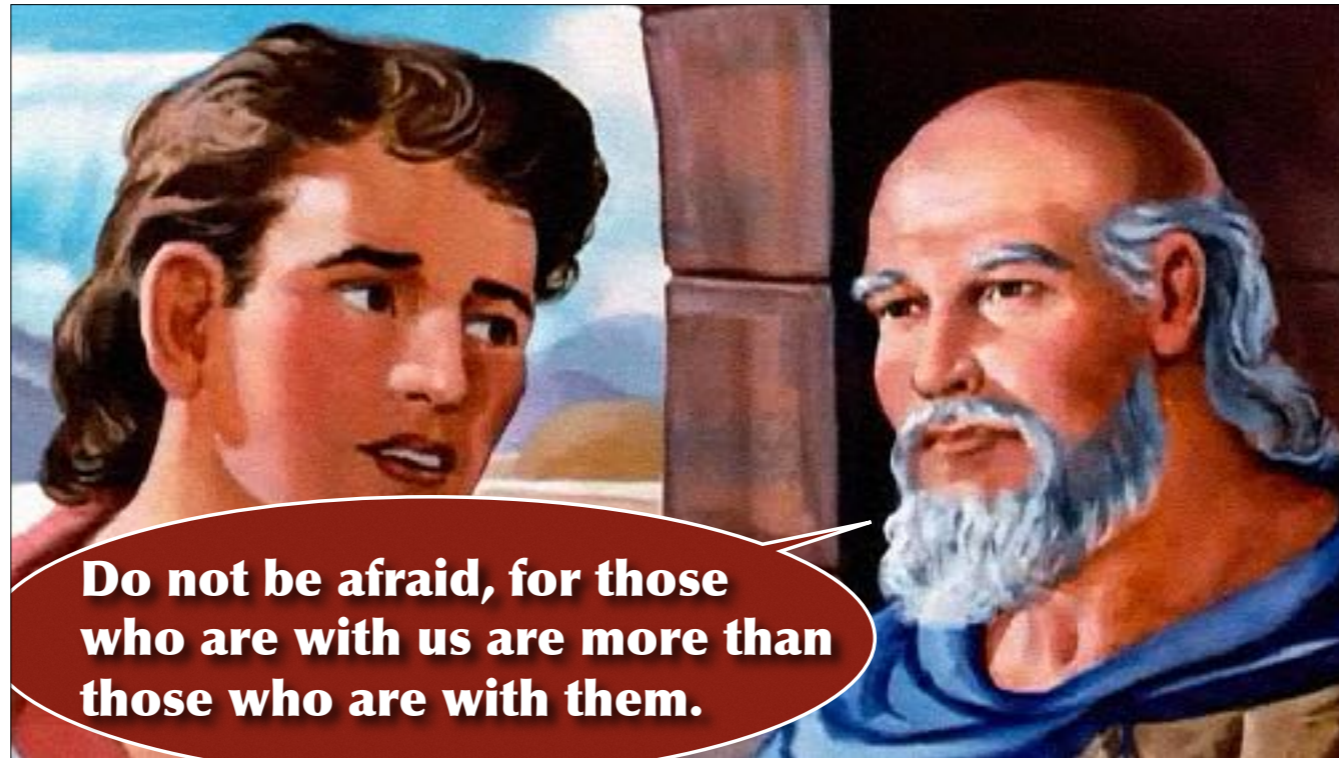
- Elisha doesn't rebuke the servant's fear, reminds him to remember God.
  - But doesn't say "God."



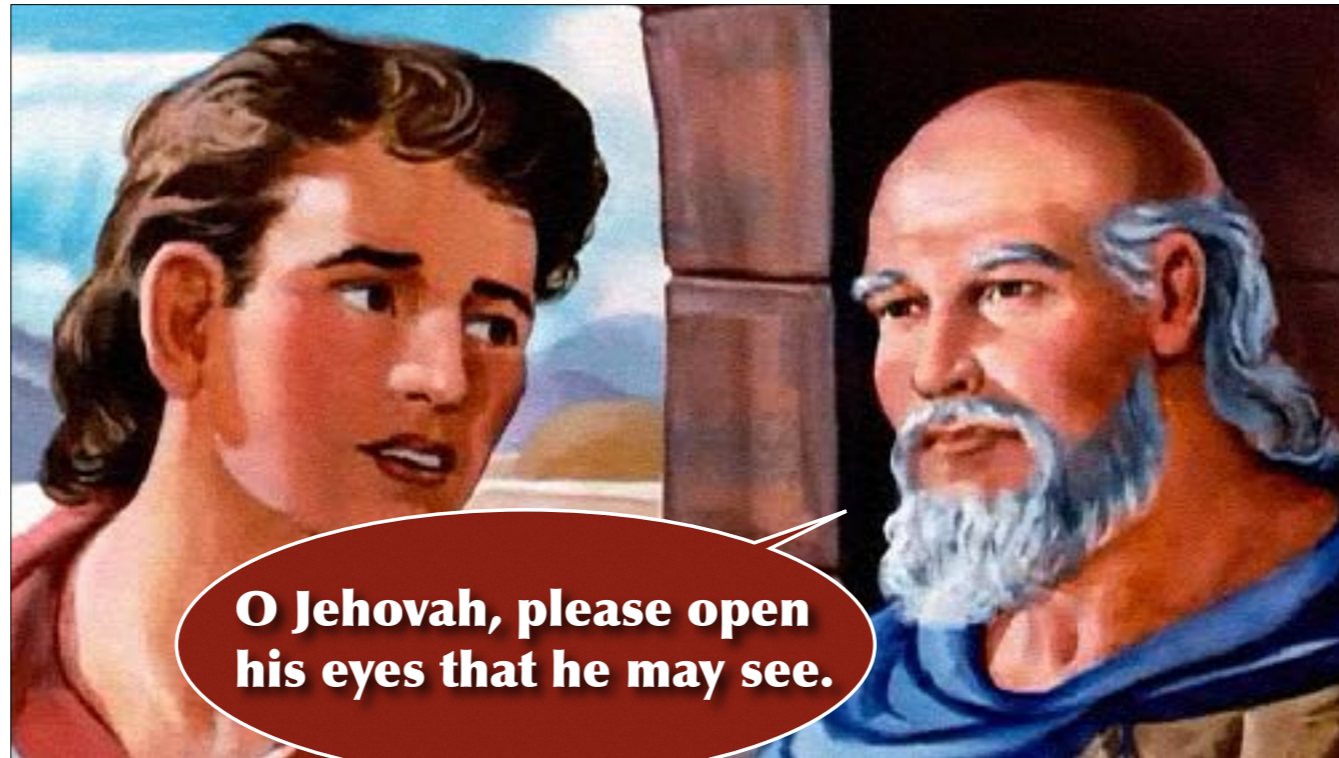
**Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**

- Those who are with us.
  - It's not just "we" (Elisha and Servant).
  - "with us"
    - Sometimes we feel all alone and inadequate to the challenge we face.
    - Elijah felt this way and despaired, God reminded him of 7000 who were faithful (1 Kings 19:18)

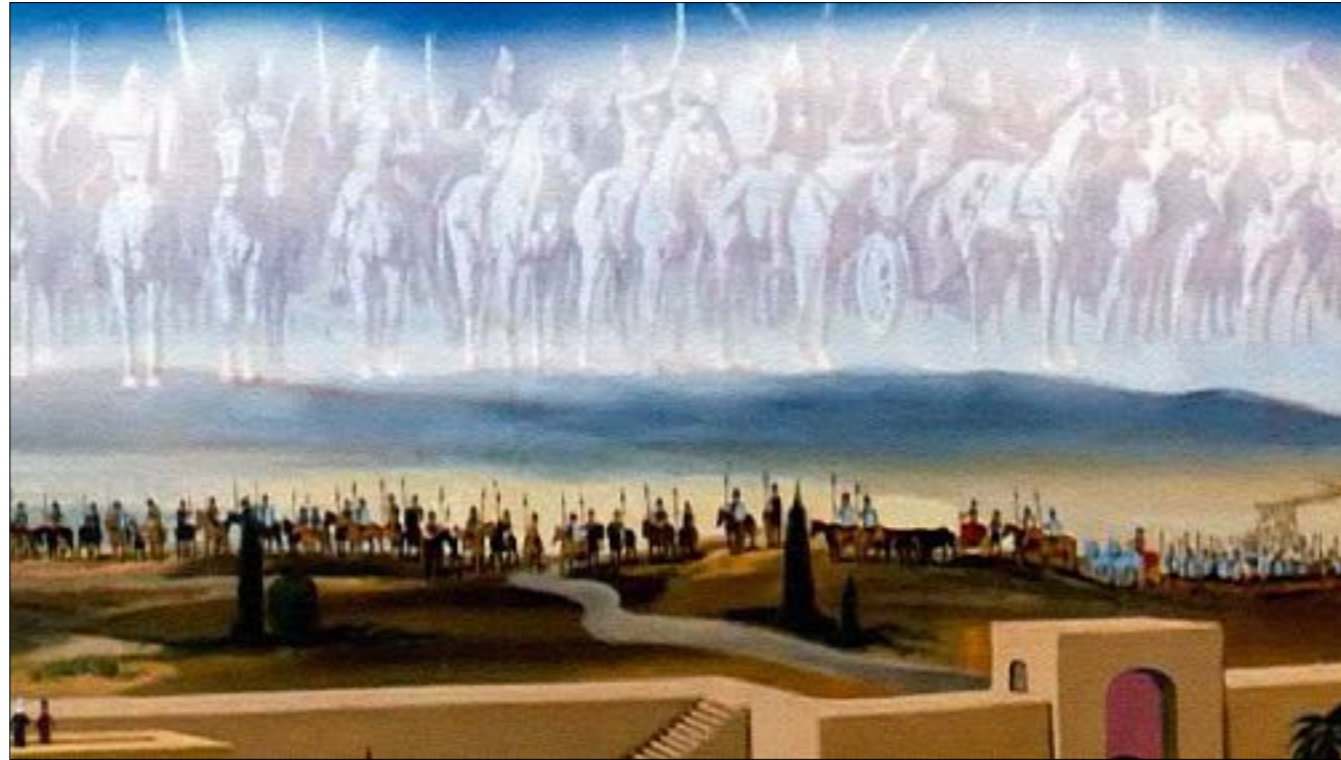




- How can God save us?
  - Saved Israel from Egyptian army by parting the Red Sea: Ex. 14:13
  - Saved Israel from Philistines by David defeating Goliath: 1 Sam. 17:45-47
- We serve a mighty God who loves us.

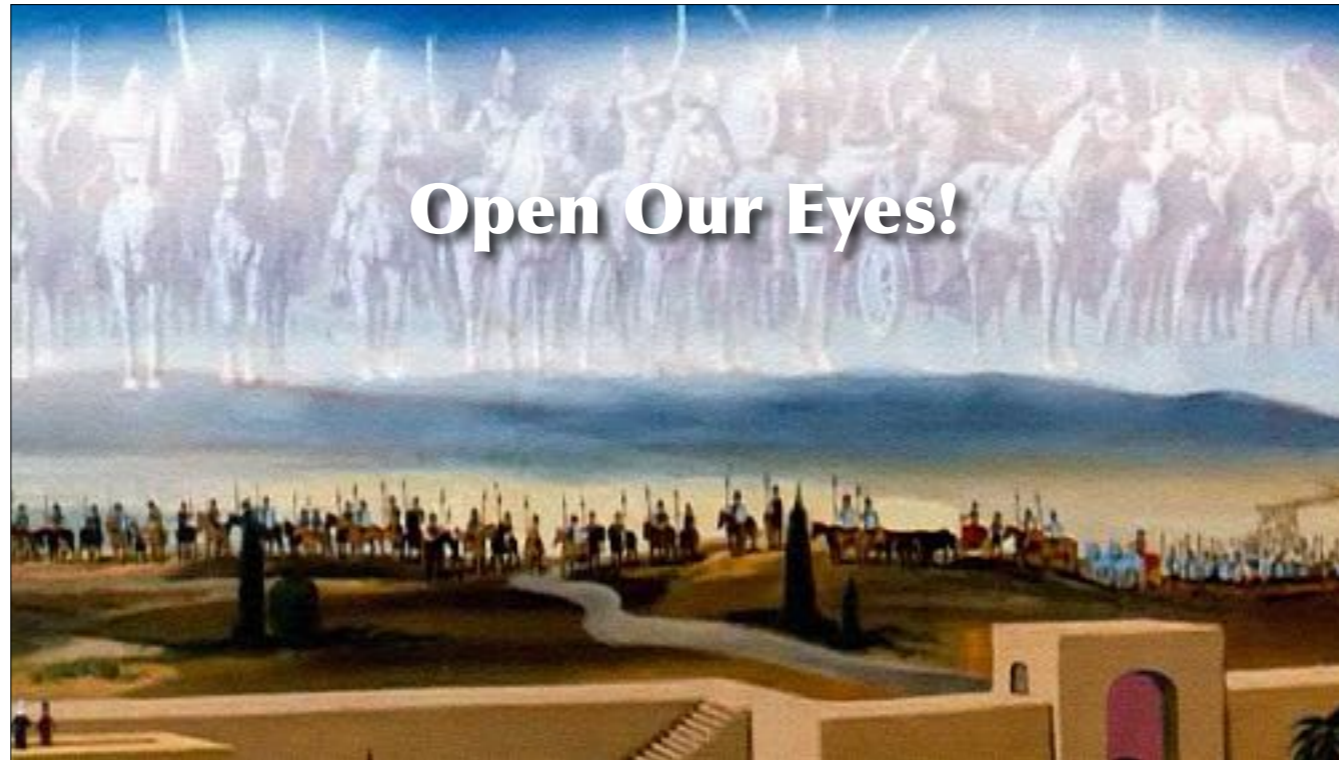


- 2 Kings 6:17 (ESV) 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.”
- Opening our eyes.
  - See God and His might.
    - But the eyes doesn’t just mean physical sight, but understanding.
  - “We walk by faith and not by sight”: 2 Cor. 5:7

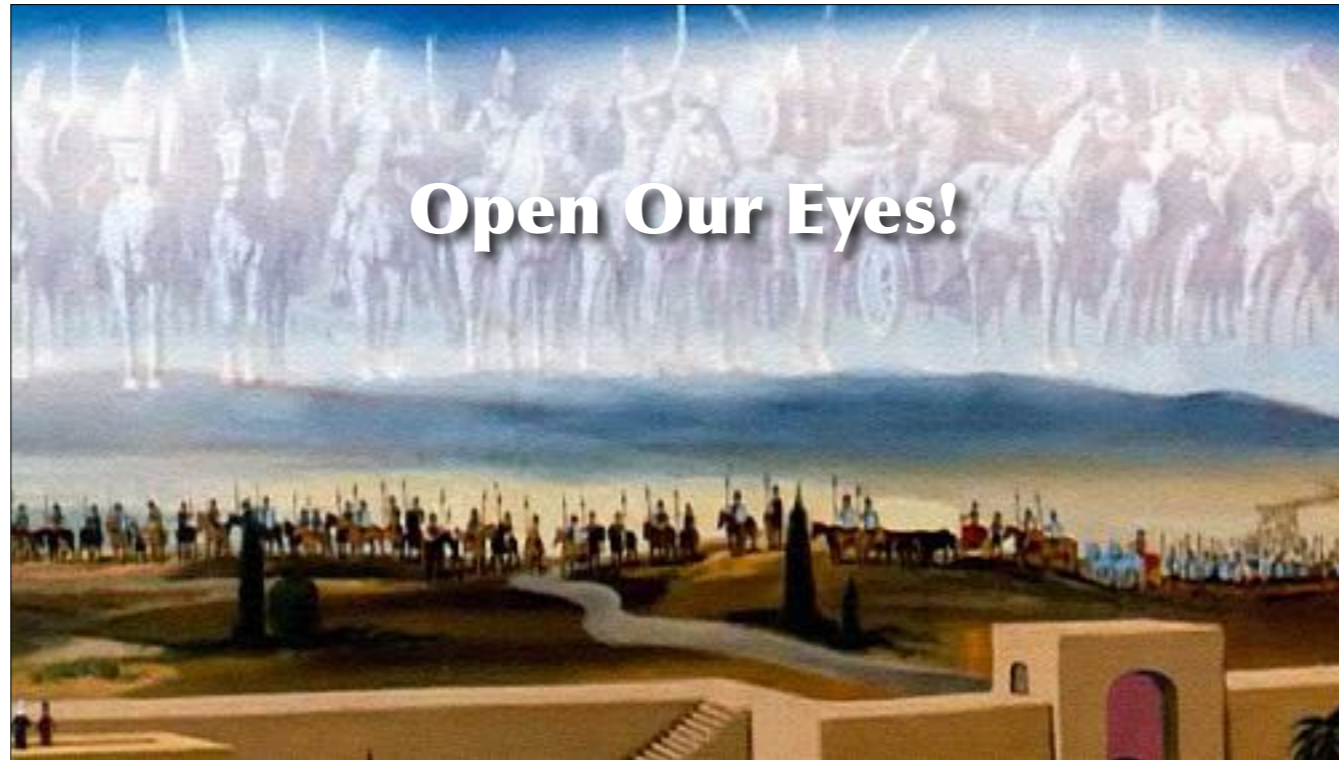


- 2 Kings 6:17 (ESV) 17 So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.
- Elisha was confident in God even when he could not see.
  - He was confident that God would deliver them.

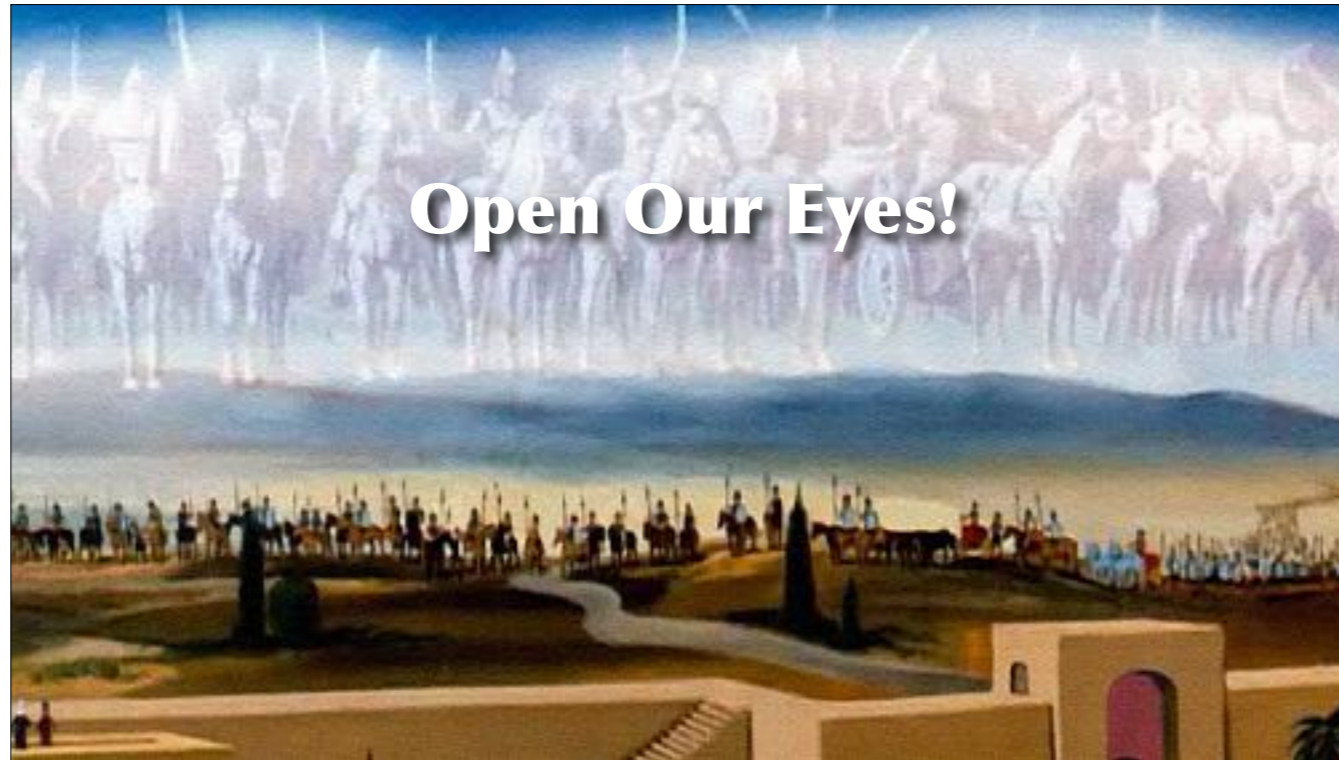




- How can we see God daily?
  - Looking at the world around us
    - God sending his rain in the desert; poppies blooming in the Organs
    - Take time to look beyond the news, rumors of fear see God in this world
  - Looking into the Scriptures
    - Accounts like this one

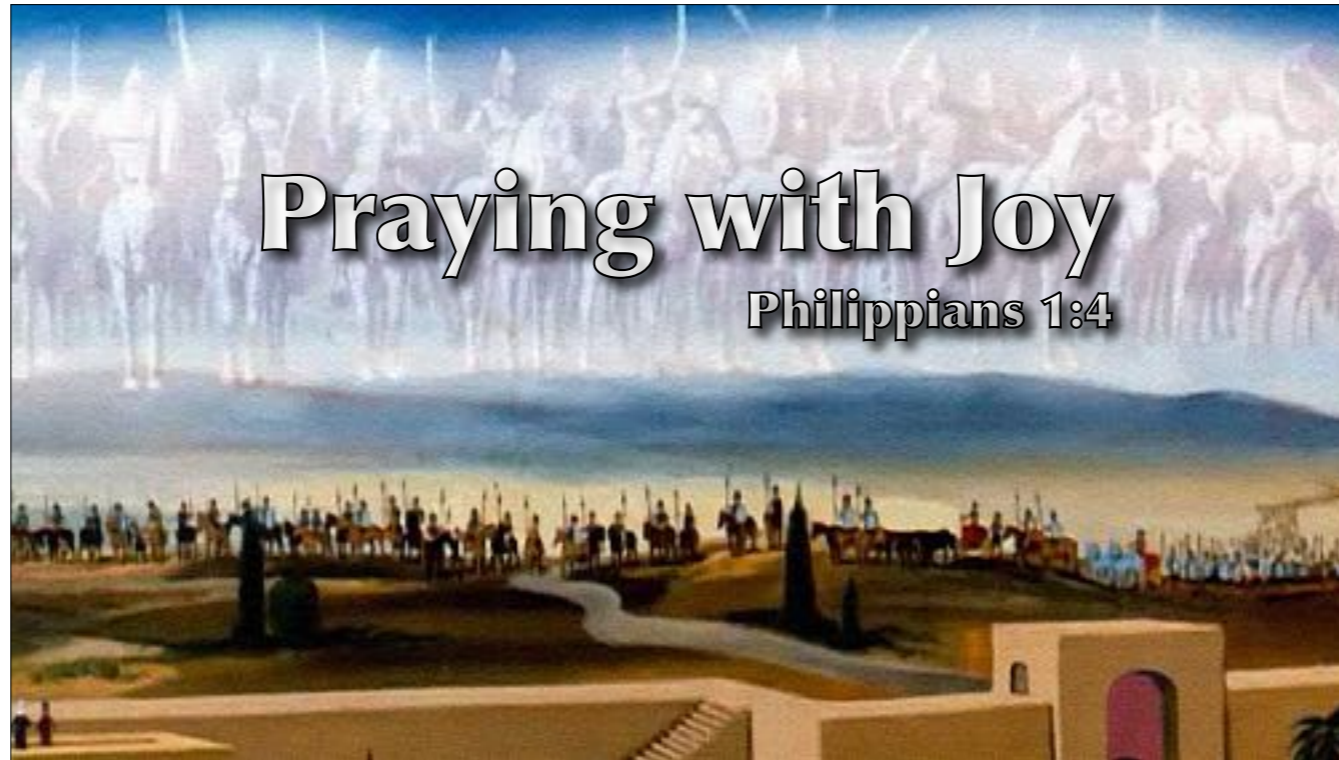


- How can I be like Elisha and help others cope with their fear?
  - Not by using platitudes or empty promises
  - Beware of misapplied verses
    - seem to guarantee that I won't get sick, nothing bad will happen to me.
  - Be shining lights

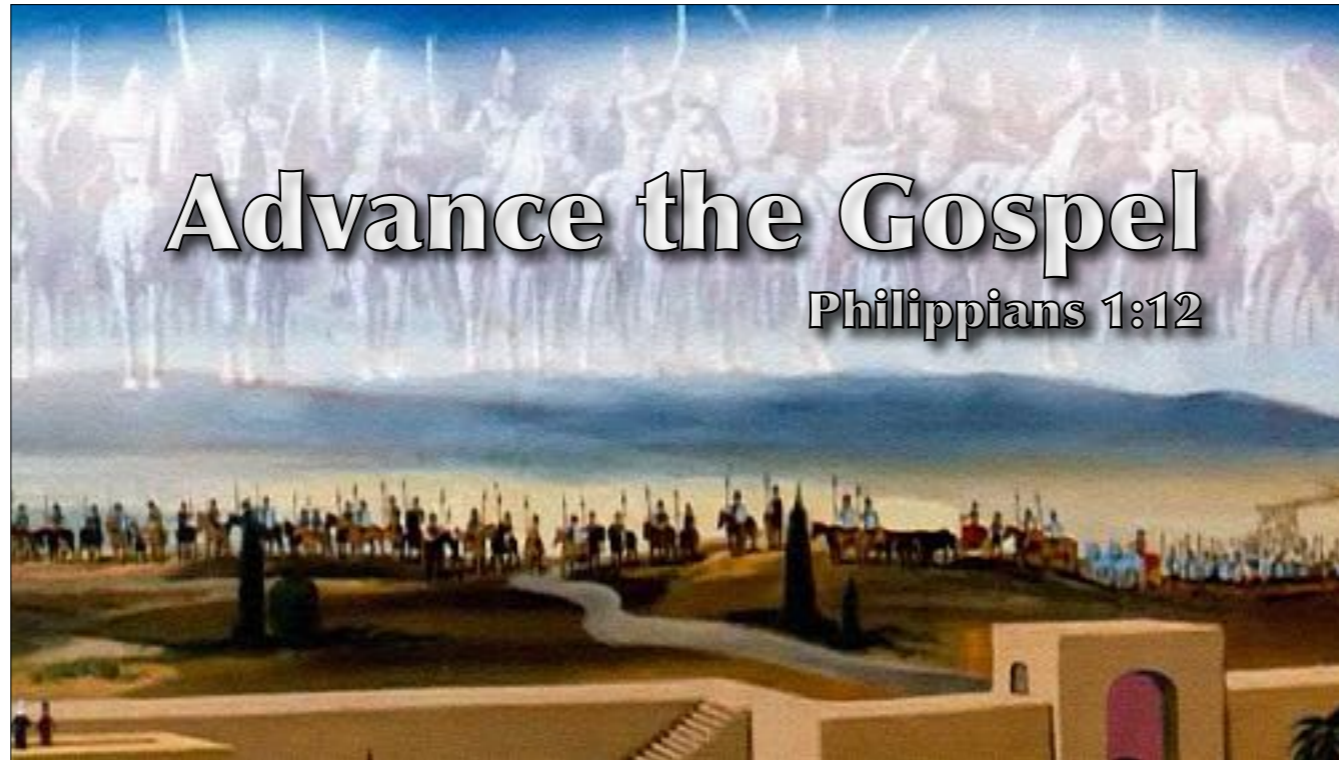


- Paul to the Philippians
  - In Prison for cause of Christ

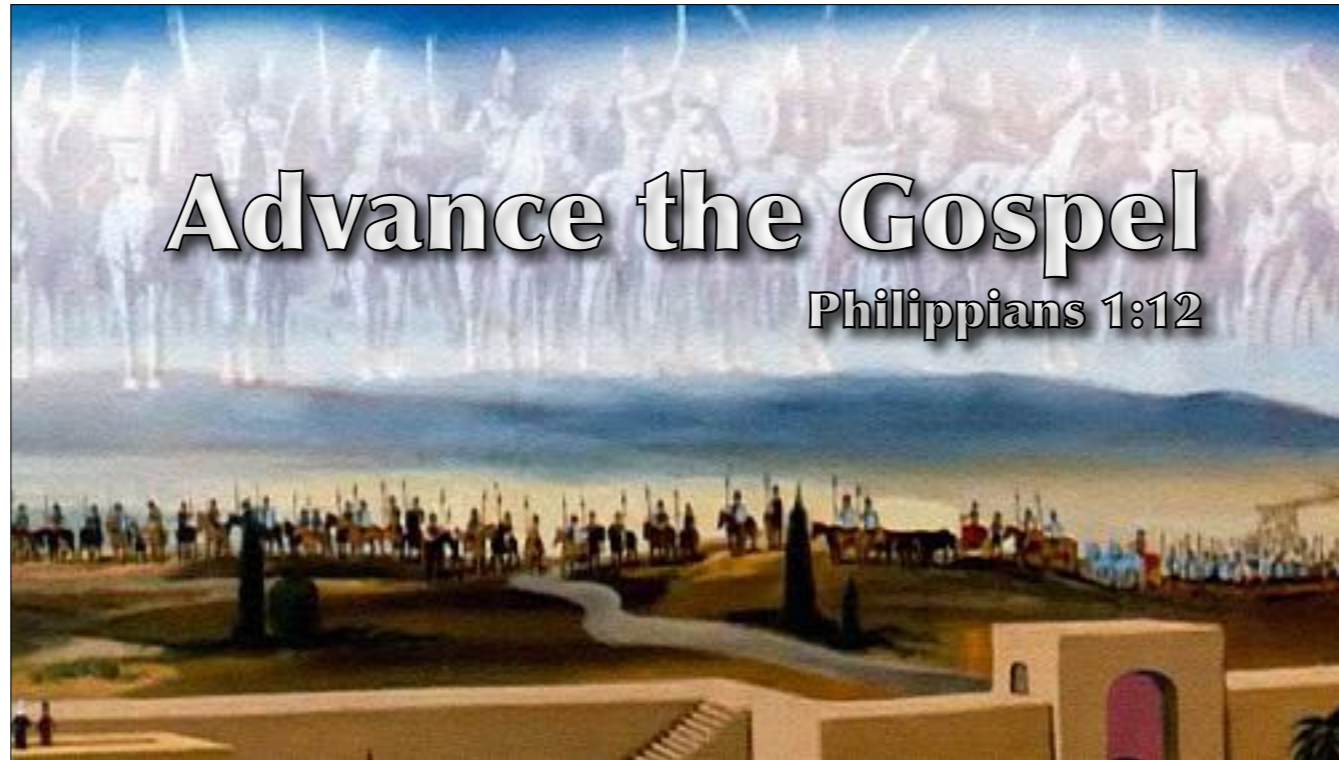




- Praying with Joy (1:4)

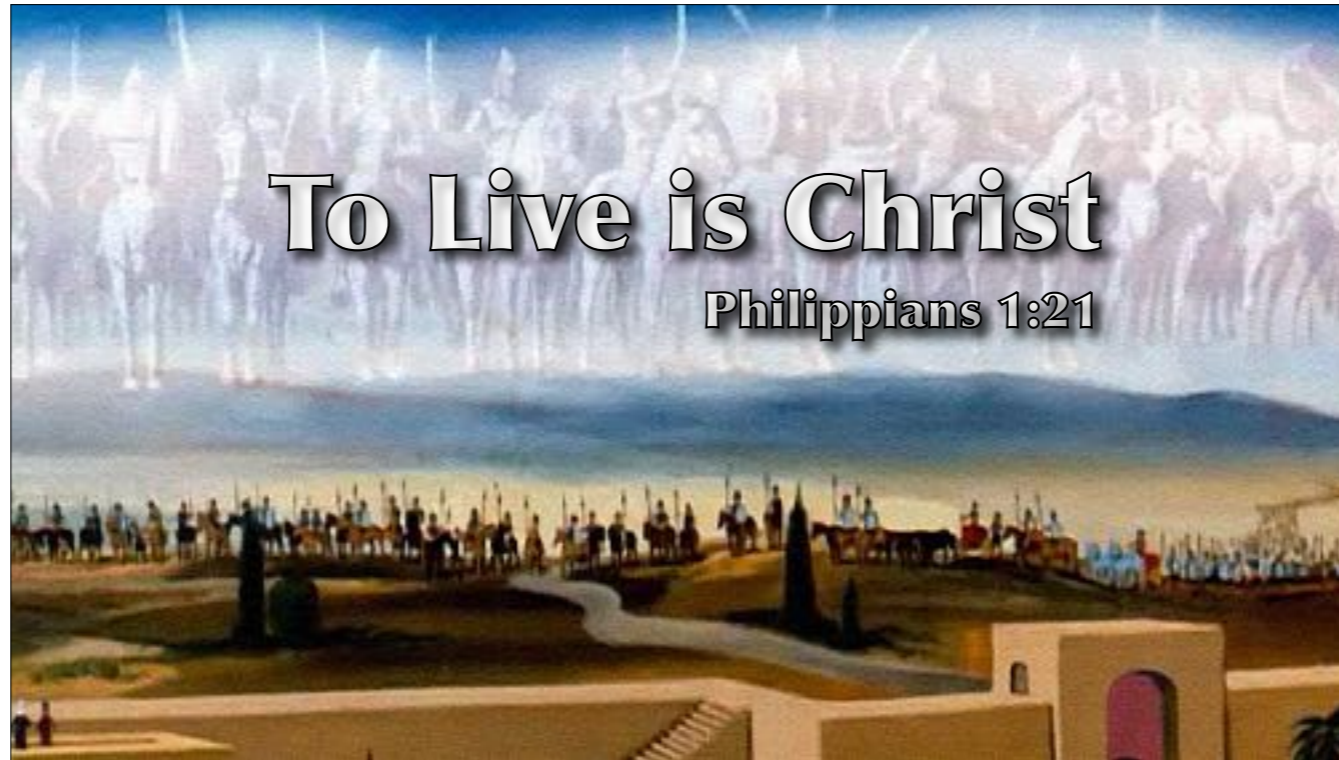


- Advance the Gospel (1:12) — Point people to Jesus: eternal life and hope
  - Philippians 1:12: I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,

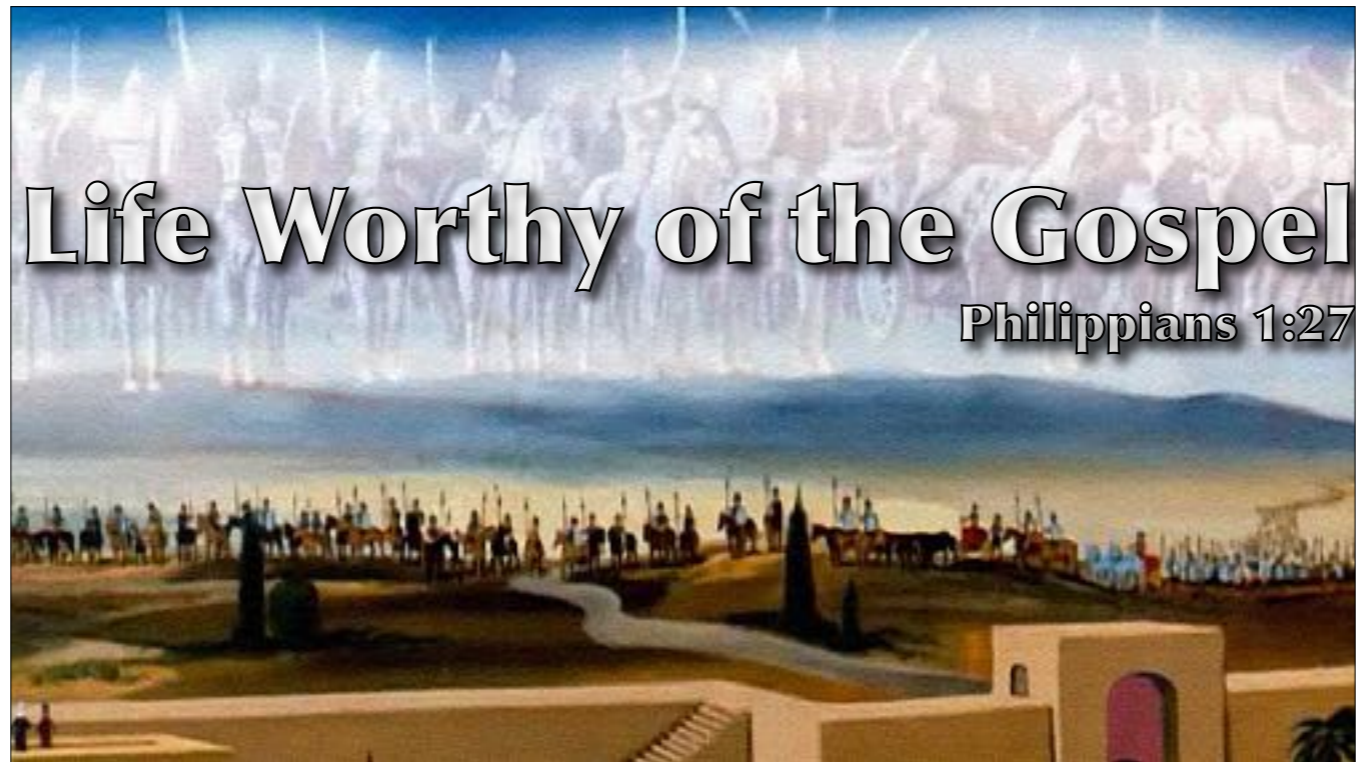


- Be bold!
- Personal growth.... advance gospel in your own life
  - Study, Prayer

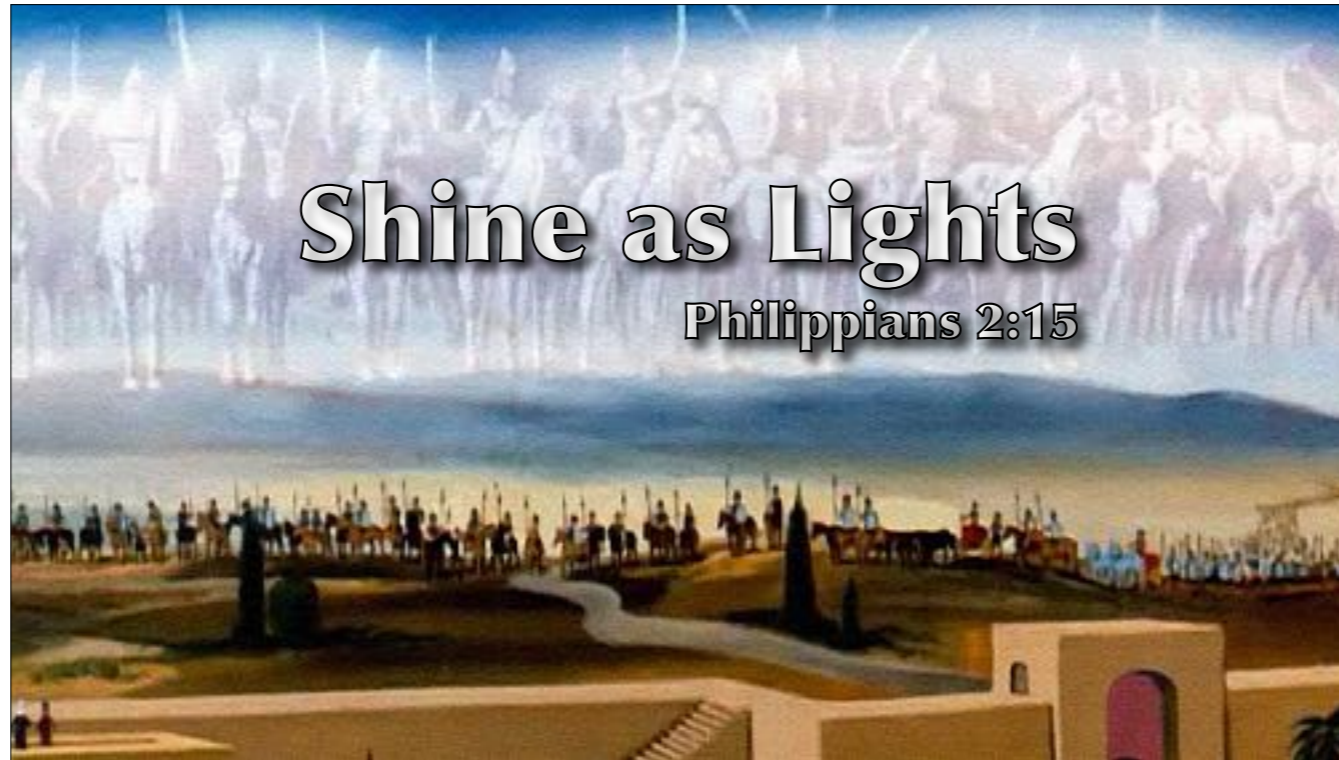




- Live is Christ
  - Philippians 1:21: For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.



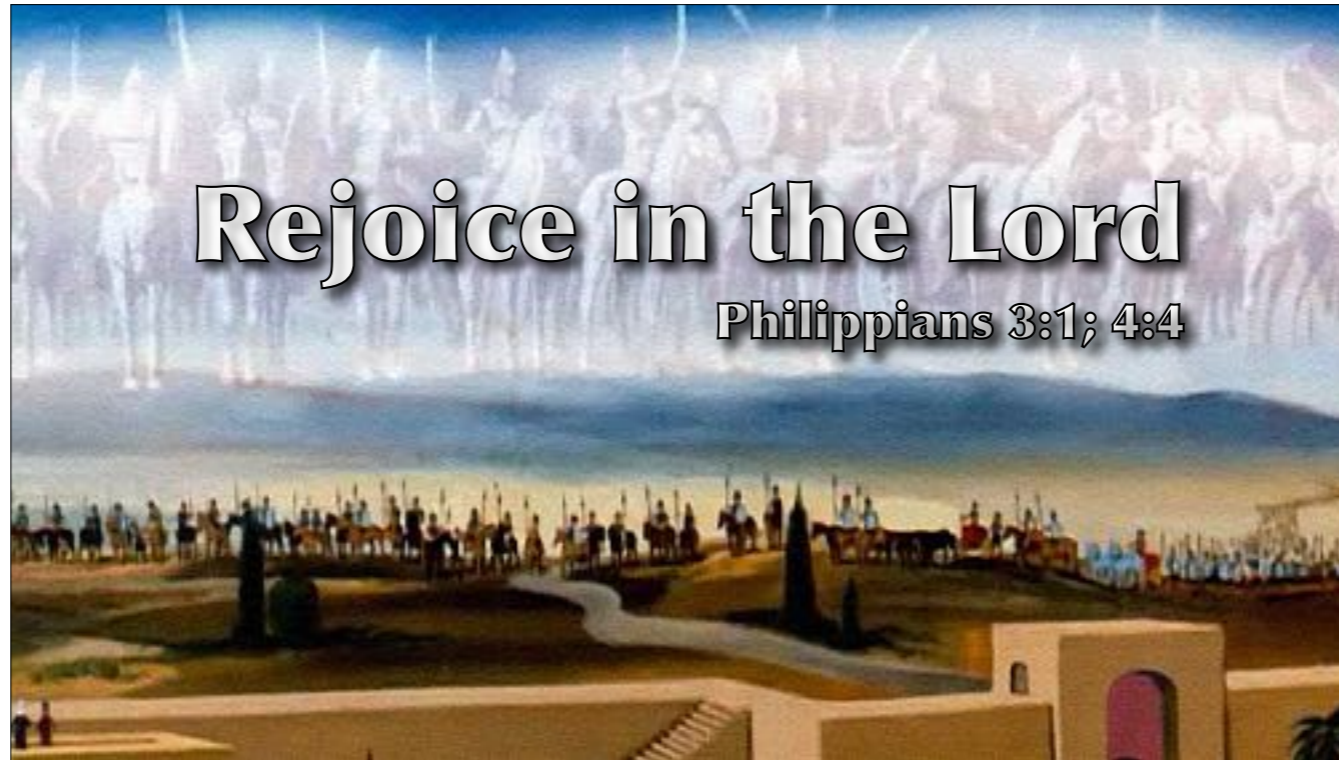
- Live worthy of the Gospel (shining lights!)
  - Philippians 1:27: Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,



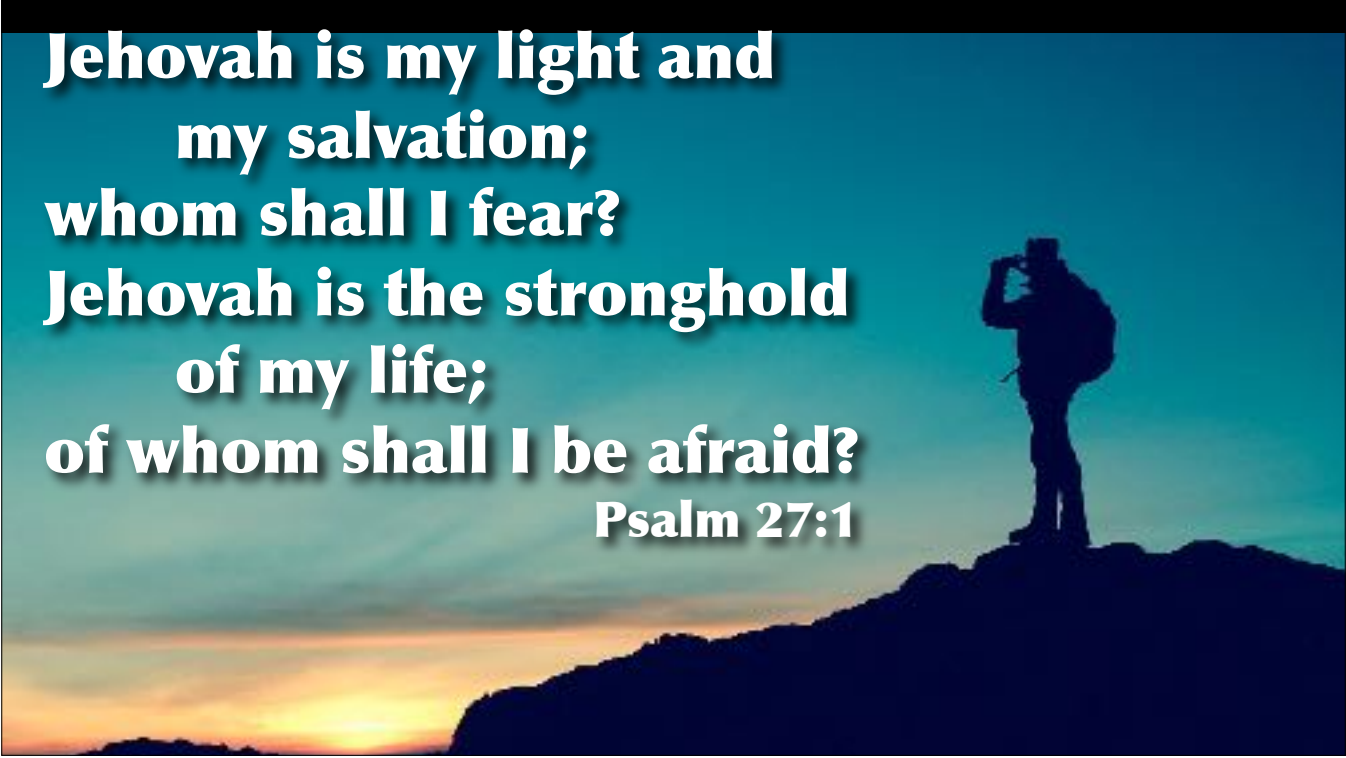
- No Whining

- Philippians 2:14-16 (ESV) 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.





- Rejoice in the Lord
  - 3:1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord.
  - 4:4 (ESV) 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.



**Jehovah is my light and  
my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
Jehovah is the stronghold  
of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
Psalm 27:1**

- Psalms 27:1-4 (ESV) 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
- whom shall I fear?
- The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
- of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers assail me
- to eat up my flesh,
- my adversaries and foes,
- it is they who stumble and fall.
- 3 Though an army encamp against me,
- my heart shall not fear;
- though war arise against me,
- yet I will be confident.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord,
- that will I seek after:
- that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
- all the days of my life,
- to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
- and to inquire in his temple.

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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## Open Eyes

2 Kings 6:15-19

Synopsis: The account of Elisha and his servant reminds us of the reality of fear and reasons for fear but also of the reality of our God being greater than our fears.

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**