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Spiritual Realities

II Kings 6:8-23

Welcome back and here we go!

Spiritual realities. Did you know that our spiritual awareness can often be lacking? The #1 tactic of the enemy is to get our eyes off of Jesus and onto him and his tactics and to the problems at hand. These include fear, worry, doubt and self-pity --- ANYTHING THAT WILL ROB YOU OF PEACE!

1) Our _____ must be _____!

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What do we see? We see God empowering His servant and the enemy reacting with tactics to incite fear. We will never have victory in our lives if we are attempting to win some kind of military battle in the Spiritual realm.

We are to become more Christlike! We are to become conformed to the image of Christ.

Where are your spiritual battles today? Where do you lack peace and where does fear reign?
What if this happens? ... What if they find out? ... Things will never get better.

2) Jesus _____ the enemy by _____ to _____.

All of Jesus' victories were from simply obeying God's Words. He conquered death by going to the cross. And not with a huge army.... Not with hand to hand combat... NO --- by surrendering.

Maybe all you see is the problem and the overwhelming odds. If so, you are missing the whole point.

II Kings 6:16-18 'So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then 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. So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.'

Elisha was aware of God's presence and of his Holy army of Angels. Are you?

3) If all you see is the _____ you have missed the _____.

Jesus in the desert temptation obtained victory by being obedient.

In the book of John He repeatedly says, "I do what the Lord commands."

God is more interested in us becoming more Christlike, rather than defeating satan. Remember, satan is already defeated.

4) Spiritual warfare can be a _____ from _____!

Did you know that if the enemy is attacking you and actually pushes you closer to God, the enemy will withdraw?

James 4:7-10 *'Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.'*

5) Spiritual victory starts with _____ and _____.

Often what happens is the opposite. We have this war in our minds.

- I can't do it.
- I deserve to be angry and unforgiving
- Don't worry --- I'm forgiven.
- I will always be like this.
- The enemy is too strong.

6) Where there is no _____ there is _____.

The greatest battle that was ever accomplished was by the apparent death of the victor without even a word of rebuke to the adversary.

The enemy was judged, and principalities disarmed, and not by confrontation and war. No, rather by the surrender of Jesus Christ on the cross!

You can be obedient, and you can have victory!

Remember, it is not us against them. There is a vast multitude of Angels that are fighting on our behalf, twice as many for us as against us! They are stronger and more numerous!

The Lord's JOY cast out depression. LIVING FAITH destroys spirits of unbelief. AGGRESSIVE LOVE casts out fear and hatred.

OUR GOAL IS CHRIST LIKENESS!

Victory begins with Jesus on your lips and Jesus' nature in your heart.

You can be obedient. Die to yourself and go to the cross today!

Let's pray.