



Take Heart

Day 2: Verse 1

Woke up this morning
And life as you know it
Looks nothing like the kind of life you knew before
All of a sudden
Fear stole the headlines
And it don't feel safe to even step outside your door

Scripture Reference

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

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

And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

- *2 Kings 6:15-17*



Today, we enter an event in scripture where someone is waking up to a new morning. What does he see? An army of horses and chariots surrounding the city. We may not find ourselves waking up to armies in our backyards, but there are seasons of life where we find ourselves waking up to trouble across the headlines so-to-speak. Whether that trouble is in our own personal lives, local, national, or even global, trouble creeps into our lives. As we discussed yesterday, we are not exempt from trouble.

Today, let's focus on present troubles. Are there any areas of trouble in your life right now? Have you woken up recently to trouble – maybe it started first thing in your day, or maybe you were just reminded of it first thing in your day? Is that trouble specific to your life, local, national, or even global? Start today speaking to Jesus about your present troubles.

It's quite likely the servant thought to himself "well...nothing will ever be the same after today," don't you think? All of sudden, an enemy army was surrounding him. Fear overwhelmed him out of very real circumstances. He wasn't imagining trouble – it was there, right in front of him. The same is often true of us. While we certainly have active imaginations and Satan can find enjoyment in overstimulating those imaginations, we do face very real troubles that bring very real fear.

Based on the troubles you are presently experiencing that you discussed above, what fears have you found yourself feeling as a result? Why do you feel those fears? Share with Jesus your fears.



So, how do we handle those fears? Well, as Elisha (the prophet) tells the servant, we can overcome those fears because **He who is with us is more than those who are with them (our troubles)**. Because of the power of Jesus, we do not need to be afraid. Jesus himself was telling us the same thing when he told us to take heart in our scripture yesterday. Jesus is greater than our challenges, our fears, and even Satan and death. Dear one, take heart – Jesus has overcome everything!

Where do you turn in the midst of your fears? Do you seek the power of Jesus? Do you remind yourself that Jesus is more than your fears, your troubles, and even Satan? Take a moment right now to read this truth aloud: The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world (1 John 4:4). Write it on a note card, memorize it, imprint it on your heart, shout it out in declaration.

Elisha prays to God that the servant's eyes would be opened so that he may see. What did Elisha want the servant to see? God's very real presence and deliverance in his time of trouble. And what happened? The servant saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire. Sight and provision were given to the servant.

Do you find yourself more often needing provision or sight? What does each mean and why does one come more difficult/easily? Do you ever find yourself praying that Jesus would open your eyes to your circumstances and realign your perspective? End today praying that Jesus would open your eyes as you're facing your troubles and overcoming your fears through His power.
