

SERMON NOTES

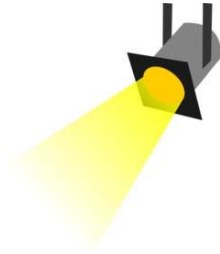
Series: Building Upon the Firm Foundation
Of God's Word

Title: By Seeing What God Wants
Me to See (3)

Text: II King 6:17; Luke 24:30&31

Topic: The Work of the Holy Spirit

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When the Holy Spirit illuminates my mind...

1. I See the solution to my problem
2. I See the barrier to my progress
3. I SEE THE **DEFENSE** FOR WHAT'S ATTACKING ME.

Biblical Illustration: The Story of Elisha and His Servant.

"This happened several times so the king of Aram became very upset over it. He called in his officers and he demanded 'Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel of my plans?' 'It's not us, my lord,' one of the officers replied, 'Elisha, the prophet of Israel, tells the king of Israel even the words you speak in the privacy of your bedroom!' The king said, 'You go find where Elisha is, and we're going to send troops to seize him!' The report came back, 'Elisha is at Dothan.' So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city. When Elisha's servant got up early the next morning and went outside, he saw the city surrounded by troops, by chariots, and by horses. He runs back in and he tells Elisha. 'What do we do now?' he cries out to Elisha. Elisha replied, 'Don't be afraid! For there are more on our side than on theirs.' 'Elisha prayed, 'O Lord, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked out and he saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha!" 2 Kings 6:10-31a

When God opens Elisha's servants eyes he's not **afraid** any more. You lose your **fear** when God is **near**.

You've got things that are attacking you and you're overwhelmed. You need God to open your eyes so that you can see all the **resources** He is ready to **provide** to take care of you and to protect you.

4. I SEE THAT GOD IS WALKING WITH ME.

I don't know what you're going through right now. But I do know that because of it you may feel like you're **all alone**. You may even think that **God** has abandoned you.

God is **with you** and He's been **with you** all along, you just can't see it until the eyes of your heart are opened.

The Biblical Illustration: The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus

"Suddenly, Jesus himself came along and joined them and began walking beside them. 'By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus would have gone on, but they begged him to stay the night with them, since it was getting late. So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, Jesus took a small loaf of bread, asked God's blessing on it, broke it, then gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him..." Luke 24:15-31a

That is illumination. For whatever reason they could not see that it was **Jesus with them**, that it had been **Jesus** with them all along.

In your loss you may feel alone and abandoned but illumination reveals Jesus has been there **through it all**.

