

## Allies in the Fight

### Scripture:

*1 Kings 19:15-21* “And he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” <sup>19</sup>So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup>So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen’s equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.”

### Introduction:

Sometimes we feel isolated and all alone in our walk with the Lord. The task at hand seems too great for us to handle, especially all alone. But God has not forgotten us. He has created a body of believers that we sometimes are unaware of. But if you will get into God in your time of need, He will reveal who you can count on. God never intended for us to go it alone but to depend on the resources that God has made available to us.

### I. The unseen army of believers can be counted on in times of crises.

- A. Elijah felt alone too but God demonstrated that He had a whole army of believers that He could count on.
- B. Why do we know they could be counted on? They had not bowed their knee to Baal.
- C. God sent Elijah to anoint people He had chosen. God is not intimidated that His plan won’t work out.
- D. When Elijah found Elisha, he found a man willing to forsake all and serve him as long as he was with him.
  1. He left his oxen.
  2. Said farewell to his family.
  3. Elisha made a farewell dinner with all his resources.
  4. We need to seek God’s face about those disciples that will follow at all costs.
- E. When real trouble hit, Peter had a whole church full of people who were praying for him. *Acts 12:1-7* “Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. <sup>2</sup>Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. <sup>3</sup>And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup>So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. <sup>5</sup>Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. <sup>6</sup>And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. <sup>7</sup>Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off his hands.”
  1. Our greatest weapon is the weapon of prayer.
  2. Don’t be afraid to make your needs known.
  3. Get in covenant with some people who will care enough to hold you up in prayer.

**II. There is a great cloud of witnesses that urge us on.**

Hebrews 12:1-2 “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

- A. These great heroes of faith had endured tremendous hardship in resisting sin and now are in the gallery of witnesses.
- B. What kind of mindset hinders us when we consider these great ones? (Refer to Hebrews 11)

**III. An army of Angels are warring on our behalf.**

II Kings 6:14-17 “Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup>And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” <sup>16</sup>So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” <sup>17</sup>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.”

- A. There are more for us than against us.
- B. When we’re in distress the greatest prayer that can be prayed is the one to have our eyes opened.
- C. The Angels are God’s elite troops assigned to the saints of God.

Hebrews 1:13-14 “But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool”? <sup>14</sup>Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”

**IV. God Himself is fighting on our behalf.**

Hebrews 13:5-6 “Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

- A. We just have to remain strong in the Lord.  
Exodus 14:13-14 “And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”
- B. Our greatest mandate is not too difficult when we realize that the Lord is with us.  
Matthew 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
- C. The Holy Spirit is always with us.  
John 14:15-18 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”