

A Lesson in Confidence

Following 101 Part 2

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“But even after all he did, you refused to trust the Lord your God, who goes before you looking for the best places...”

Deuteronomy 1:32-33a NLT

The 1st Problem:

The 2nd Problem:

Thread: The good that God wants to do for you is on the other side of trust.

“When the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he would confer with his officers and say, ‘We will mobilize our forces at such and such a place.’ But immediately Elisha, the man of God, would warn the king of Israel... The king of Aram became very upset over this. He called his officers together and demanded, ‘Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel of my plans?’ ‘It’s not us, my lord the king,’ one of the officers replied. ‘Elisha, the prophet in Israel, tells the king of Israel even the words you speak in the privacy of your bedroom!’ ‘Go and find out where he is,’ the king commanded, ‘so I can send troops to seize him.’ And 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 the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. ‘Oh, sir, what will we do now?’ the young man cried to Elisha. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ Elisha told him. ‘For there are more on our side than on theirs!’ Then Elisha prayed, ‘O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!’ The Lord opened the young man’s eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.” **2 Kings 6:8–9a,11-17 NLT**

The trust prayer: Open my eyes and let me see...

...where God is in my battle.

...what He is doing.

The trust prayer: Is prayed by people expecting to see something.

It is the Spirit of God who opens our eyes.

Jesus said – “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ‘If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live.’”

John 14:1,15 NLT

The trust prayer: “Open our eyes” that we may see God present and active.

- Changes my **viewpoint** to better see what God sees.
- Gives me **confidence** when I experience battles and adversity.
- Changes how I feel at high risk moments.

Elisha TRUSTS GOD.

- He can **SEE** what God sees.
- **Recognize** God is **PRESENT** for Him.
- Receive God’s **CALM**.

Elisha’s TRUST is inspiring and contagious.

- When we mistrust someone, others take notice.

Challenge:

- Are you refusing to trust God? Why?
- What do you need to trust Him with, as He leads you to His best?
- Will you pray the trust prayer?

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