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SERMON NOTES

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Lord, Open Our Eyes

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Rather than fear those opposed to God,
be confident in His control and love your enemies

1. Fulfilling God's purpose can put you in an adversarial role with those opposed to Him

2 Kings 6:8-14

God invites you to find your refuge in Him

2. Whenever you live according to God's purposes, you're never outnumbered

2 Kings 6:15-17

You avert anxiety through prayer, thankfulness and God's promise of peace

As you experience the power and faithfulness of God, you're not as prone to count your enemies as you are to count on your King

3. Rather than seek revenge, demonstrate genuine kindness towards your enemies

2 Kings 6:18-23

The angelic army was simply back up – meaning, that they weren't called upon for action to destroy the army of Aram

Luke 6:34-36

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

How you love your enemies says a lot about how you trust your God and how confident you are in His sovereign control of who's in control.

Now What?

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of January 20, 2019

Home Groups give us opportunity to do life together. You can sign up on our website at www.trinityonline.org.



Share It

Get to know one another

What kinds of opposition have you or friends faced?
What did you feel?



Study the Word

Learning to know God from the Bible

Read about the opposition Elisha faced in 2 Kings 6:8-23
What opposition did Elisha face from Aram? What could have caused him to fear?

What was Elisha's response to the attack? What gave him confidence in God?

What things in our own culture feel like opposition to you?
What do you feel? In what ways do you need Jesus to "open our eyes?" Where do you find refuge?
What do we learn about God in this story? How can we "lean into God" in times of fear or anxiety caused by our culture?

How did Elisha demonstrate Jesus' words in Matthew 5:44-45?



Discuss Together

Discuss how God can change our lives

Have there been times when you felt surrounded by the enemy?
What did you feel?

What elements of our culture cause you to feel opposition, fear, or anxiety? What are ways that we might respond to opposition?

As we are increasingly in opposition with some elements in our culture, how can we live out Jesus' command to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44-45)? How can we 'lean on Him'?

How was Jesus an example of how to live in a culture that opposes us (and Him)?



Time to Pray

Praying with and for one another helps us trust in God together. Please pray . . .

- That we will live and love like Jesus in our worlds
- For our team serving in Asia
- For the men's Super Bowl event



Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Observe your inward and outward responses to fear this week.
Ask, 'How can I lean on God?'