

THE POWER OF PRAYER AND THE POWER OF ACTION

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WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN “PRAYER” AND “ACTION”? Do you remember the story in 2 Kings 6:11-23 when the King of Syria repeatedly set in ambush his soldiers against those of Israel, only to find that they had failed in the attempt, because someone had warned the King of Israel? When he asked his servants who among them were doing this, he was told that Elisha, the man of God, the man of prayer, was being shown by God what was on the mind of the king of Syria. (Vs. 12) **HERE IS THE POWER OF PRAYER!** As we walk with the Lord, He talks to us just as we converse with HIM! What a joy to have this intimate relationship one with another as a Father with a little child. (Matthew 18:3)

But notice the end of the story! When the King of Syria sent his army to Dothan to capture Elisha, they were smitten with blindness; led by Elisha to the capital city of Israel in Samaria; and were then surrounded by the army of Israel. The King of Israel asked Elisha, “Shall I kill them?” (Vs. 21) To which Elisha replied, “No! **FEED THEM!**” The king of Israel fed the Syrian army and verse 23 says, “**THE SYRIAN ARMY NEVER RETURNED TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL!**”

Romans 12:20 says. “If your enemy is hungry, **FEED HIM!**” Verse 21: “**BE NOT OVERPOWERED BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD!**” **THIS IS THE POWER OF PRAYER COUPLED WITH THE POWER OF ACTION! LET US GO AND DO LIKEWISE!**

5 STEPS FOR DAILY “VICTORY” IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

1. **DIE TO “SELF”!** (Luke 9:23) (Galatians 2:20)
2. **ENTHRONE JESUS AS LORD!** (Romans 10:9)
(Luke 18:18-30)
3. **PUT YOUR HAND IN THE HAND OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER AS A LITTLE CHILD!**
(Proverbs 3:5-6) (Matthew 18:3) (John 4:34)
4. **READ YOUR BIBLE** (Psalm 119:9-11)(Jeremiah 15:16)
(2 Timothy 2:15) (John 5:39)
5. **LISTEN TO HIM AND OBEY!** (John 14:21)
(1 Kings 19:13. 19)(1 Samuel 15:22)