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**2 Kings 6:15-17**, *“When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked. “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” (NIV)*

I used this passage yesterday as a reminder to ‘keep looking up.’ I have found that part of the ability to ‘keep looking up’ is to remember Who we are looking to. There is no one or no thing in this temporal world that can match the power of our LORD. He is mighty to save and He can do all things. His hand will never draw up short. He is certainly able to do whatever He needs to. When the prophet Elisha was looking up, it was with his spiritual eyes, not just the physical. Hence, he could see by faith, the armies of the LORD at the ready. The chariots of fire and the horses were waiting on the bidding of the King of all.

This reminds me of a “bully” that used to be in our elementary school when I was young. He continuously picked on the smaller kids; demanding their lunch money, pushing and shoving them around and multiple other things. One particular day, we were on the playground playing baseball and this bully decided he wanted one of the other boys’ baseball glove. He yanked it off the small boy and threw it on the ground, grinding it into the dirt with his foot and spitting on it as well. What he didn’t realize is that the little boy’s father had just come to pick up his son for a doctor’s appointment. The Dad had witnessed the whole situation. The bully found out that he should have been ‘looking up’ instead of looking at this little boy’s glove. Needless to say, he never bothered that little boy again. Paul reminded the church in Ephesus that we are not just fighting against earthly enemies. **Eph. 6:12**, *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (NIV)*

**Dear Father, You are more important than anything we can see with our earthly eyes. Help us to look to You in all circumstances. You are our only hope, our light and our salvation. We look to You. In Jesus Name, Amen**