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#### Theme of tonight's story: God was in it.

#### Acts 23:12-35

<sup>12</sup> The next morning some Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. <sup>13</sup> More than forty men were involved in this plot. <sup>14</sup> They went to the chief priests and the elders and said, "We have taken a solemn oath not to eat anything until we have killed Paul. <sup>15</sup> Now then, you and the Sanhedrin petition the commander to bring him before you on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about his case. We are ready to kill him before he gets here." <sup>16</sup> But when the son of Paul's sister heard of this plot, he went into the barracks and told Paul.

#### Acts 21:13

<sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

#### Paul was convinced that because of Christ, dying was better.

God wants us to have a supernatural viewpoint of the world we live in today.

#### There is more going on in the unseen world than in the seen world.

#### Ephesians 6:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> 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.

#### John 10:10

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

#### 1 Peter 5:8

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

*Our real enemy is the devil and the dark forces that work with him. They are bent on our destruction.* 

#### 2 Kings 6:8-17

<sup>8</sup> Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."



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<sup>9</sup> The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." <sup>10</sup> So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

<sup>11</sup> This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

<sup>12</sup> "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

<sup>13</sup> "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." <sup>14</sup> Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

<sup>17</sup> 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.

## There are no coincidences with God.

## Providence: the foreseeing care and guidance of God; a manifestation of divine care or direction.

## Psalm 37:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;
- <sup>2</sup> for like the grass they will soon wither,
- like green plants they will soon die away.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good;
- dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,
- and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;
- trust in him and he will do this:
- <sup>6</sup> He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

## God fights for us!



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