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The invisible pair of hands

Though I don't see you, I can't touch you,

But I know you're whispering to me.

Oh, Lord Jesus, oh, Lord Jesus,

I know you've always been here.

It's your hand, the nail mark hand,

Soothe my broken heart again.

It is your voice, your gentle words,

Fill the hunger and thirst in my soul.

2 Kings 6

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In the journey of life, there are times when we feel lonely, lost, and even helpless. But no matter where we are, no matter what kind of predicament we encounter, there is a pair of invisible hands behind us silently protecting us.

These hands are not visible to our naked eyes, but they are the source of our faith, a symbol of strength beyond the human world. They are the hands of God who watch over us with infinite love and strength. It's a faith, it's the faith of Christians.

At all stages of life, when we go through challenges and face difficult situations, we may feel tired, dazed, and even disoriented. However, when we listen to our inner voice and return to the source of faith, we feel God's hand patting behind our backs, giving us strength and comfort.

These invisible hands are the guides in our lives and the support we are on our way forward. They show us the way and pave the way with gentle power when we need it most. They bring us light in darkness and hope in adversity.

No matter what challenges we go through, we can rely on this invisible hand. They are our solid backing and the pillars of our faith. Because when we believe in God's existence and in His love and grace, we can feel His hand behind our back, silently protecting us.

Therefore, let us always remember the existence of this invisible hand in the journey of life. Listen to His voice when we feel lost, trust in His presence when

we feel lonely, and rely on His strength when we feel helpless. Because these hands are always behind our backs, silently guarding us, giving us strength and courage, and letting us move forward unswervingly.

There are many passages in the Bible about God's protection, and here are some of them:

Psalm 91: This is a comforting and protective passage that emphasizes God's protection as an eagle spreads its wings to protect the believer.

Isaiah 41:10: In this verse God says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and do not be dismayed, for I am your God." I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will sustain you with my righteous right hand."

Psalm 23: While there is no direct reference to God's protection, this poem depicts how God guides and cares for His people like a shepherd so that they can rest in the pasture.

John 10:28-29: Here Jesus said, "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one can take them out of my hand." My Father gave me sheep, and he was greater than all things, and no one could snatch them out of my Father's hand."

Psalm 121: This is a psalm that looks upwards to God's protection, emphasizing that God is our helper and protector and that He will remain steadfast in protecting us whenever we need Him.

These verses are a reminder that God is there for us at all times and in all places, protecting us and giving us the strength and courage to face life's challenges.

We pray together

Lord, Creator of all things in heaven and earth, we humbly come to You. At this time, we sincerely pray for Your protection, for Your divine intervention in our lives, for Your grace and love to fill our hearts.

In this challenging and trialed world, we need Your refuge deeply. Like an eagle spreading its wings to protect its chicks, protect us from all danger and evil. May You use Your mighty hand to protect us from pain and calamity, and fill us with peace and comfort on the path of life.

Lord, we also pray for those who are living in danger, especially those who are under persecution and threats of violence. May You extend Your helping hand to them, protect them from harm, give them courage and perseverance, and be confident that Your mercy will always be with them.

May the Lord bless those who dedicate themselves to the protection of others, and may You keep them safe and give them wisdom and courage so that they can fulfill their responsibilities with due diligence. Lord, may Your protective hand envelop us forever, so that we may feel Your love and grace every day, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

2 Kings 6

- 6:1 And the prophet said unto Elishah, Behold, the land in which we dwell with thee is too narrow,
- 6:2 Let us go to the Jordan River, and from there we will take a log and build a house to live in. He said, Go ahead.
- 6:3 And one said, Go with thy servant. He replied that I could go.
- 6:4 So Elisha went with them. When they reached the Jordan River, they cut down trees.
- 6:5 When a man was cutting down a tree, his axe fell into the water, and he cried out, "Alas." My lord, this axe is borrowed.
- 6:6 The man of God asked where he had fallen. And he showed it to Elisha. Elisha cut down a log and threw it into the water, and the axe floated up.
- 6:7 Elisha said, Take it up. And the man stretched out his hand and took it.
- 6:8 And the king of Syria fought against the Israelites, and consulted with his servants, saying, I will camp in such and such a place.
- 6:9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Take heed that thou shalt not pass by somewhere, for the Syrians have come down from thher.
- 6:10 And the king of Israel sent to spy into the land where the man of God had warned him to go, and he was not harmed by it, not more than once or twice.

- 6:11 And the king of Syria was troubled at this matter, and called his servants, and said unto them, Do you not shew unto me who is here of our aid to the king of Israel?
- 6:12 And one of his servants said, My lord and my king. There was no one to help him, but Elisha, the prophet of Israel, told the king of Israel what he had said in his bedroom.
- 6:13 And the king said, Go and find out where he is, that I may send to him and get him. Someone told the king that he was collapsing .
- 6:14 So the king sent his chariots and horses and his army into the city, and when the night came, he besieged the city.
- 6:15 The servants of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out to see the chariots and horses besieging the city. And the servant said unto the man of God, Alas. My lord, what shall we do?
- 6:16 The man of God said, "Do not be afraid." There are more with us than with them.
- 6:17 Elisha prayed and said, Yahweh, open the eyes of this young man, that he may see. And when Yahweh opened his eyes, he saw a mountain full of chariots and horses round about Elisha.
- 6:18 And the enemy came down to Elisha, and Elisha prayed unto Jehovah, saying, Beseech thee, that these men may be blinded. And Jehohua did as Elisha had said, and they were blinded.
- 6:19 Elisha said to them, This is not the word, nor the city. Go with me, and I will bring you to him whom you seek. So he brought them to Samaria.
- 6:20 And when they went into Samaria, Elisha prayed, saying, Yahweh, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And Jehovah opened their eyes, and they saw it, and behold, it was in the city of Samaria.
- 6:21 When the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I slay them?"
- 6:22 He replied that he should not kill them. But if you have taken them captive with a sword or a bow, how can you slay them (or you may not kill them, much more so these men?). And when they set up food and drink before them, that they may eat and drink and return to their master.

- 6:23 And the king prepared for them much food. When they had finished eating and drinking, they sent them back to their masters. Since then, the Aram army has no longer violated the Israelite border.
- 6:24 Then King Benhadad of Syria gathered all his army and went up to besiege Samaria.
- 6:25 So Samaria was besieged and there was a famine, so that a donkey's head was worth eighty shekels of silver, and two liters of pigeon dung were worth five shekels of silver.
- 6:26 And it came to pass on one day, as the king of Israel passed through the city, that a woman cried unto him, saying, My lord, my king. Please help.
- 6:27 the king said, yes and hua don't help you, where will i help you. is it from the harvest field, is it from the wine press?
- 6:28 And the king said unto the woman, What affliction hast thou? She replied, "This woman said to me, Take your son, and we may eat it today, and eat mine tomorrow."
- 6:29 We cooked my son and ate it. The next day I said to her, "Bring your son and we may eat it." She hid her son .
- 6:30 When the king heard the woman's words, he tore his clothes. (the king passed through the city) and the people saw that the king was dressed in sackcloth.
- 6:31 And the king said, If I allow the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat to be over him this day, may God punish me severely.
- 6:32 Elisha was sitting in his house and the elders were sitting with him. And the king sent a man who was waiting for him. Before he arrived, Elisha said to the elders, "Behold this son of the murderer, send me to behead." When you saw the messenger coming, shut the door and push him out with the door. Isn't there the sound of his master's footsteps behind him?
- And it came to pass, while he was speaking, that the messenger came, and the king came, and said, This evil is from Yahweh: why shall I look any more to Yahwah?

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Overall, 2 Kings 6 demonstrates God's ability to perform miracles and help those in need through Elisha. It also emphasizes the importance of faith and obedience in receiving God's blessings.

2 Kings 6 describes several important events, but some of the key verses are: Verse 16 – "Do not be afraid," the prophet replied. There are more people who are with us than those who are with them. This is a famous quote from the prophet Elisha who was afraid of the approaching enemy army as he comforted his servants.

Verse 17 - Elisha prayed, "Lord, open your eyes so that he may see." Yahweh opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw hills full of horses and trains around Elisha. This verse follows the previous quotation and shows how the servant's eyes are open to see the spiritual army present to protect them. vs 20 - When they had eaten and drunk enough, he sent them away, and they went to their master. The bandits in Syria no longer enter the land of Israel. This verse describes how Elisha's actions and words led to the end of Syria's assault on Israel, bringing peace to the land.

These verses can be found in 2 Kings 6 of the Christian Bible. In 2 Kings 6, we come across several noteworthy stories that highlight God's power, provision, and protection. Here are some thoughts from this chapter:

God's Consciousness and Protection: This chapter begins with the narrative of Elisha and the sons of the prophets. While they were building a new settlement, a

prophet lost his borrowed axe in the Jordan River. Elisha performed a miracle and made the axe float on the waters. This story shows that God is aware of even the smallest details in our lives and His ability to meet our needs. It reminds us that God cares about our situation and has the power to intervene on our behalf.

Looking Through Spiritual Eyes: This chapter also tells the story of Elisha and his servants who were surrounded by the armies of the king of Syria. Elisha prayed to his servant to open his eyes, and the servant saw that the mountain was full of horses and trains, representing God's angelic army. This account emphasizes the importance of transcending the physical environment and perceiving spiritual reality. It reminds us that God's heavenly armies are with us, protecting and fighting for His people.

Overcoming Fear with Faith: In the same story, Elisha prays to God to strike the Syrian army with blindness, who are temporarily incapacitated. Then Elisha led them to Samaria, where they were taken captive. This story shows the power of faith in overcoming fear and adversity. Elisha's unwavering trust in God gave him the ability to face daunting challenges and experience victory. It encourages us to trust in God, even in the face of overwhelming odds.

Respond to the enemy with mercy: after the Syrian army was captured, the king of Israel intended to kill them. However, Elisha advised them to have mercy on them and provide them with food and drink. The story emphasizes the importance of responding to enemies with compassion rather than revenge. It teaches us that showing kindness and forgiveness can lead to reconciliation and peace, even in difficult circumstances.

God's Deliverance and Provision in the Famine: At the end of this chapter, there is a severe famine in Samaria that causes a shortage of food. The situation has become so terrible that people resort to cannibalism. However, God promised salvation and provision through the words of his prophet Elisha. This account emphasizes God's faithfulness to provide for His people even in the most

challenging of circumstances. It reminds us that God can bring miraculous solutions and sustain us in times of need.

Overall, 2 Kings 6 reflects on God's awareness and protection, seeing through spiritual eyes, overcoming fear with faith, responding to enemies with mercy, and God's salvation and provision. These narratives encourage us to trust in God's power, to seek His perspective in every situation, to respond to others with love and compassion, and to rely on Him for provision and salvation even in difficult times.