

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
2 Kings 6:8-23
God's Surprises

Getting Started

Give an example of the surprising work of God in your life.

Background

- King of Aram (Syria) – probably Ben-Hadad II.
- King of Israel – Joram (a variant of Jehoram).
- *Man of God* – Elisha.

Digging In

1. **Read 2 Kings 6:8-10.** How did God protect the king of Israel?
2. **Read vss. 11-12.** What did the king of Aram suspect? Why?
3. What did he decide to do to solve the problem? (vss. 13-14)
4. **Read vss. 15-16.** Describe the difference between how Elisha and his servant viewed their situation. What accounted for the difference?
5. What did God do to change the servant's perspective? (v. 17)
6. **Read vss. 18-20.** Paraphrase what takes place in these verses.
7. **Read vss. 21-23.** What does King Joram want to do? What does Elisha instruct him to do instead?



Getting Personal

- How is God's surprising power seen in this passage?
- How is his surprising grace seen in these verses?
- In what sense does v. 16 apply to us? How can these words give us courage and hope for the future?
- How can God's surprising grace and power increase our compassion for those who don't yet know him?