# "Open our eyes Lord...to see the surrounded" 2 Kings 6:1-1

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## 1. Dull things need to be sharpened!

#### Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

#### John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

### 2. Cry out for help through prayer!

## **Psalm 61:2**

From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

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3. Who are you doing life with right now? Who you spending time with?

#### **Proverbs 27:17**

As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

- 1. There is a mutual benefit when two iron blades rub together; the edges become sharper, making them more efficient in their work
- 2. Iron sharpening iron is an opportunity to fulfill the Law of Christ. The apostle Paul says that we are to carry and share the issues and burdens that we face daily, to lament over personal sin, advise on how best to repent of it, and rejoice over the conquest of it.
- 3. Iron that has been sharpened will also **shine more** because all the dullness has been rubbed off its surface.

## **Exodus 22:14** New Living Translation The Law said...

"If someone borrows an animal from a neighbor and it is injured or dies when the owner is absent, the person who borrowed it must pay full compensation.

- The Three R's ...Remember, Repent, Redo

### **Isaiah 41:10**

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

#### 1st Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."