

GREATER PERSPECTIVE | 10-30-16

REFLECT & DISCUSS

Fear is a peculiar thing. It shakes our knees, makes us fret, and causes anxiety. It stirs something in us that makes us want to run and hide. It even causes us to have temporary amnesia. What does that mean? In these moments, fear causes us to forget how big our God is. In our minds, it makes the thing we fear bigger than God. Instead of trusting the all-powerful God to take care of us, we end up cowering to the creation He created. When was the last time you struggled with fear? What was it about? Did you overcome it? How?

READ: *2 Kings 6:11-23*

- What impacts you from this passage? What seems strange?
- Compare and contrast the way Elisha handles and the situation and the way his servant does. Why is Elisha's servant so afraid? What does Elisha see that his servant does not see?
- When it comes to overcoming our fear, why is perspective so important? When we experience fear, what would happen if we intentionally reminded ourselves how big our God is?
- Every battle we face is an opportunity to increase our fear or our faith. How can our faith be increased by doing these things: surrounding ourselves with people of faith, knowing there is more than meets the eye, and speaking confidently of what God is doing?

CHALLENGE

Take a few minutes to fill in this chart on your own and then discuss with your group...

What backup plan do you need to break up with?	How are you digging ditches?	How are you increasing your capacity?	How are you expressing faith over frustration?	How are you choosing faith over fear?

PRAYER

“Father, You are all-powerful. Help me to remember this when I fear and choose to turn to You in faith so that I can have a greater perspective.”