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Even in the face of danger, Monkeys have been known to hold onto things, even when it prevents them from fleeing to the safety of a tree.

When we face challenges in our lives (Covid-19, bills, family challenges), we have to decide how we are going to react;

- 1) We can hang on to the banana (a light snack) and become dinner for the Tiger, or...
- 2) Let go of the snack and flee to the safety of a tree, knowing that we will have plenty of opportunities to snack in the future.



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We are in charge of our attitude." Charles Swindoll



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Each time the Syrian army would set up an ambush for the army of Israel, God would tell Elisha and Elisha would warn the king of Israel.

Out of anger the Syrian king sent his army to capture Elisha.

II Kings 6:15 - 17



Elisha's attitude was **not** one of FEAR!

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

• Instead of worrying about the situation he prayed and got GOD involved; and allowed GOD to direct his steps.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. (And leads the Syrian army into the camp of the Samaritans, while looking for himself.)



2 Kings 6:19-22 (KJV)

19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: <u>follow me</u>, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

Elisha faced a situation in which the army of Syria wanted to capture/kill him. He met their threat with Love & Forgiveness. He knew that GOD "would never leave him nor forsake him". Hebrews 13:5