

Thought for the Day 13th May - John Reed

Read 2 Kings 6:8-17

Did you see the video of the dog that crashed the weather forecast?

On April 16th, Fox 13 Tampa Bay meteorologist Paul Dellegatto was – like many of us – working from home. He was delivering a live weather forecast, with a cameraman filming him from outside the window, when the segment was interrupted by his dog, Brody, who knocked into the computer screen and jumped on his lap [see the story here:

https://www.huffingtonpost.com.au/entry/paul-dellegatto-brody-dog-forecast_n_5eabb1e0c5b62da419ef37c1?ri18n=true]

This is not the first time such a thing has happened. Three years ago, Professor Robert Kelly, professor in political science at Pusan National University, was conducting an interview with the BBC about inter-Korean relations from his home office when his son James barged in [see the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mh4f9AYRCZY>]

We all know that the people who appear on our TV screens have families and homes and pets. But it's not often that we see them on our screens – they're usually carefully hidden away.

In a similar way, we know that God is there, and that he has an army of angels at his command. But it's not often that we actually see them – they usually do their work unseen by us. However, occasionally we are granted a glimpse of what is going on behind the scenes, as Elisha's servant was here (verse 17).

Why did this happen? They were surrounded, and scared. It seems that while Elisha was confident that God was there, looking after them, his servant was not so sure. So Elisha asked God to grant him a glimpse of the unseen forces at work, to settle his mind and assure him that God was in control.

We live in challenging times. There may be moments when we wonder what is going to happen, and who is in control. May God grant us all the assurance and confidence that that vision gave to Elisha's servant that day, that God is still there, still with us, and still in control.