## Are You Listening to God?

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The church needs be an alternative counter-culture the church is weak because of worldliness.

**1. vs 1-3** 

## The choice: Antichrist

## Christ?

### 2. v 4 We need to see the true spiritual reality behind the material and recapture the supernatural nature of the battle



When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. (Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?' the servant asked

<sup>16</sup> 'Don't be afraid,' the prophet answered. 'Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.'

<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, 'Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.' Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all round Elisha.

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

### 1 JOHN 4:4

3. vs 5-6 We need to be a people of hope we are looking ahead to the coming renewal of all things.

# THE WORLD WON'T LISTEN

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**THE SMITHS** They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.

### 1 JOHN 4:5

"I never really had an awful lot of joy in life. I had lots of things I knew should bring me joy; I had a wonderful family, I had a fantastic career, I had good friends but I always felt I was missing out on life..."

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# We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us... 1 JOHN 4:6