



Handout October 6, 2023

It Is Well

II Kings 4:8-37

Welcome back and here we go!

Tonight is the first of three sermons on the Prophet Elisha. Hope you enjoy the Old Testament these next few weeks! The truth is, there are so many amazing stories in the Old Testament that I am excited to go back there! Last week's message, I said, was more about encouragement. This week, I am going to *preach!!*

II Kings 4:8-37

1) _____ can throw us a _____ ball.

What can we learn from this Shunammite woman? Lots of stuff! This woman was faithful... faithful in the sense that she cared for God's people.

2) Taking _____ of God's people is like taking _____ of God!

Matthew 25:37-40 *"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"*

My whole life and livelihood depends on others. I just serve and believe God will meet my needs. And, He always does. Why? Because I believe. I have faith and I always say and absolutely believe, those who care for me, get blessed --- big time.

Philippians 4:10-20

What an amazing illustration of God's provision. God's economy!

II Kings 4:11-14

3) Her motives were _____!

I am doing this because I love God! That's what she's saying --- yet none-the-less...

Hebrews 11:6 *'But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.'*

God is a *rewarder!*

4) God gives us _____!

God's Word is full of promises. You hear me constantly talking about FAITH-REST --- knowing and applying the promises of God.

Maybe you feel like you have been promised certain things from God. Maybe you are relying on the promises of God just to survive. I am here to tell you to stay focused on what God has spoken to you!

The twist in this story: her son dies --- what!

Have you ever felt like God's not keeping His promises? Or that you are not receiving? Or, things just aren't going the way you supposed they would? You are doing everything right, but everything is still going wrong?

This woman felt like her promise had died --- at face value --- her promise was stripped away!

What is her response? Go to God. When we go to God's representatives, in essence, we are going to God!

II Kings 4:22-28

5) We must say _____.

The Shunammite woman REFUSED to NOT BELIEVE! She BELIEVED. Just as Abraham BELIEVED. Abraham knew if he sacrificed his son, God would resurrect him, because of the PROMISE he received.

Believed --- "Aman" in Hebrew

= Tent Peg = Broken Off =

We need ABSOLUTE FAITH! I am encouraging you to have absolute faith. Resolve to BELIEVE. God can and will keep His PROMISES, even in the extreme.

It is well. The root Hebrew word here is Shalom, meaning PEACE or AT PEACE.

Sounds a lot like FAITH-REST!

Sometimes, we just need to get to the feet of Jesus, crying out, "God, I need you to keep your promises! I am hurt, I am sad, I am lonely, I am sick, I am needy, I am broken, I am scared!"

Yet, *it is well!*

Maybe, you are right there today.

This woman's son died on her lap. What was her response?

Have your dreams, promises, died?

RUSH to Jesus, profess your FAITH, remind Him of His Word and, TRUST.

Can you say, 'IT IS WELL'?

Let's pray.