

A. A Tragic _____ (v. 18–20)

THE CHILD BEGAN TO WORK

THE CHILD BECAME SICK AND DIED

B. A Trusting _____ (v. 21–31)

SHE PLACED THE BODY ON ELISHA'S BED

SHE SOUGHT ELISHA

SHE REMAINED CALM

SHE REQUESTS HELP

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” (Romans 8:28–29)

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;” (Luke 18:1)

“Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17–18)

Quote: “I remember my mother’s prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.”—**Abraham Lincoln**

C. A True _____ (v. 32–36)

ELISHA'S PRAYER AND GOD'S POWER

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8–9)

THE RESTORATION OF THE CHILD TO HIS MOTHER

CONCLUSION



THE BLESSING & TESTING OF A SERVING WOMAN

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Text: 2 Kings 4:8–16

“And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. 14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.” (2 Kings 4:8–16)

INTRODUCTION

1. _____ TO SERVICE (v. 8–9)

A. _____ (v. 8a)

SHE CONSTRAINED HIM

SHE HAD COMPASSION ON HIM

“But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. 39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.” (Psalm 78:38–39)

B. _____ (v. 8b)

A CONTINUAL PROVISION

“Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.” (Philippians 4:15–16)

A CONSTANT PRACTICE

“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

C. _____ (v. 9)

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25)

D. _____ (v. 10)

THE DESIGN

“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.” (Proverbs 31:10–12)

THE DETAILS

“Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. 2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. 3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.” (John 12:1–3)

2. _____ IN SERVICE (v. 14–17)

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” (Hebrews 13:5)

A. A Need _____ (v. 14)

B. A Miracle _____ (v. 16–17)

THE ANNOUNCED BIRTH

THE REACTION OF THE WOMAN

THE REALITY OF A SON

“And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.” (Luke 1:36–37)

3. _____ IN SERVICE (v. 18–36)

“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.” (Hebrews 11:17–19)

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” (James 1:2–5)