

## Didn't See That Coming! – Responding To The Unexpected In Life

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### Main Text: Elisha & The Shunamite Woman

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So he said to a servant, "Carry him to his mother." <sup>20</sup> When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died. <sup>21</sup> And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut *the door* upon him, and went out. <sup>22</sup> Then she called to her husband, and said, "Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back."

<sup>23</sup> So he said, "Why are you going to him today? *It is neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath.*"

And she said, <sup>24</sup> *It is well.* <sup>24</sup> Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you."

*v. 25 "And so she departed and **went to the man of God** at Mount Carmel..."*

- Run To God...You Will Find Him!

#### **Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV)**

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

*v. 25 "So it was, when **the man of God saw her** afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, "**Look, the Shunammite woman!**"*

- God Saw Her...God See Us...and He Hears Us!

#### **1 Peter 3:12 (NKJV)**

For the eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, and His ears *are open* to their prayers;

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*v. 27 "Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, "Let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me, and has not told me."*

- The Lord Will Show Compassion To Us! / Why?

#### **Hebrews 4:14-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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*v. 29 "Then he said to Gehazi, "Get yourself ready, and take my staff in your hand, and be on your way. If you meet anyone, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him; but lay my staff on the face of the child."*

- He Has The Answer!

### **Psalm 107:20 (NKJV)**

He sent His word and **healed them** and **delivered them** from their destructions.

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*v. 30 "And the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you."*

- Stay With The Lord...Stay With The Word...Don't Let Go!

*v. 30 "So he arose and followed her."*

- The Lord/ The Word Begins To Work In The Waiting!
  - We receive supernatural strength in the waiting!

### **Isaiah 40:29-31 (NKJV)**

He gives power to the weak, and to *those who have* no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

- We see the fulfillment of our faith in the waiting! (Isaiah 49:23)

### **Isaiah 49:23 (ESV)**

... those who wait for me shall not be put to shame."

- God works on our behalf in the waiting! (Isaiah 64:4)

### **Isaiah 64:4 (ESV)**

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- Battles are won in the waiting! (Proverbs 20:22)

### **Proverbs 20:22 (NKJV)**

... Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

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*Vs. 32-35 "When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. <sup>33</sup> He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup> And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. <sup>35</sup> He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes."*

- Your Victory Is A Finished Work! Let Him Finish!

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**Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)**

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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