

Lessons from the Shunnamite Woman (2 Kgs. 4:8-37)

- (v. 8) Described as great/notable
 - What She Wasn't: Apparently she isn't royal, wealthy, endowed with great knowledge, strikingly beautiful, etc.
 - Don't even know her name
- Her Spirit of Service (vs. 9-10) – Simple, but noticed by God.
 - What kind of service is God looking for out of us? Matt. 25:22-40
- Her Contentment (vs. 11-13)
 - She's saying, I appreciate your offer, but I've got a home, my basic needs are provided for, I don't really need anything.
 - Phil. 4:11-13; Heb. 13:5
- Her Faith: Everything is alright! (vs. 19-26)
 - When asked by her husband why she was going to see the prophet – she states, “everything is alright”.
 - When asked by Gehazi - she says, “everything is alright.” Was everything alright? By no means!
 - She knew the boy was dead, a son she didn't ask for, a son she had grown to love - her only son, who died in her arms.
 - Were things well at the Shunammite household? Not at all! The lad was dead, she knew it. She knew she was about to ask the prophet to do something unprecedented, she didn't know whether or not he would do it (vs. 27-28).
 - But she knew everything would be alright! That's faith!
 - Phil. 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!
 - Tragedy, sickness, death, etc.
- Her Devotion: I will not leave you! (vs. 29-30)
 - Elisha was a man of God and her direct link to God. No matter what the end result, no matter what the outcome, live or die, she wasn't going to leave God!
 - 2 Kgs. 2:4
 - When faced with tragedy, do we turn to God and pray? If things don't work out the way we want, do we blame God and turn their backs on Him? Many do!
 - No matter the circumstances, we've got to tell God “I will not leave you.”
- Conclusion: All's Well that Ends Well (vs. 31 - 37)
 - Perform little acts of service that the world never notices. You go through life with a spirit of contentment. You have a faith such that no matter what happens to you and your family, you can say “Everything is alright!” No matter the outcome, you never leave God!