

**True Compassion II Kings 4:8-10**

A practical and hospitable FAITH was on display in this home.

This Shunammite woman was very generous and very hospitable.

You can't take it with you. (hospitality under the oaks of Mamre) Genesis 18:1-5

She sought the approval of her husband.

Let us Bless the Guest!

Believers should make hospitality a part of their lifestyle. Hebrews 13:1-3

An angel is a messenger of God

Children are a gift from God, and the Shunammite was content without them. Ps 127:3-5

**Born once II Kings 4:11-17**

Indirectly, Elisha helped them conceive. (A Capable God under the oaks of Mamre) Genesis 18:14

The Lord often blesses us in surprising ways, and at surprising times. James 1:17

God knows our hearts, and REALLY cares about our secret frustrations. Hebrews 4:14-16

The Shunammites did not seek this out, they did not ask for this child to be born.

**Tragedy II Kings 4:18-21**

This death was literal and living in a sinful world that is a harsh reality. Eph 2:1

The husband is a background figure in the story

This is not an ideal situation for a child. Ephesians 5:25-6:4

**She went the extra mile II Kings 4:22-26**

She was prepared to travel fifteen miles on the back of a donkey! Romans 8:37-39

The story of Dimitri Mendeleev 1848. She traveled 1753 miles

The Wesley's mother was a mother prepared to go the extra mile

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**The Faithless servant II Kings 4:27-31**

Gehazi is a model of how not to do it.

He pushed her away .

Elisha had a genuine concern.

Gehazi is left cold by these displays of emotion. Matthew 19:13-15

Be wholehearted!

He had action but not faith! James 2:14-18

## **Born twice II Kings 4:32-37**

How to raise a dead kid – to life!

I They need to be convinced that the new birth is always original and never inherited.

You must be born again

John 3:3-8

II Authentic spirituality is the best environment!

Beatitudes -

Matthew 5:3-16

Transformed Mind -

Romans 12:1-2

Fruit of the Spirit -

Galatians 5:22-26

Humility of Christ -

Philippians 2:1-4

Consistent Prayer -

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

III We need to be encouraged that we are not alone.

Until God touches them they are dead to real life as God intended it to be.

Our children need more than a good education they need regeneration

Titus 3:5-6

Our children need a touch from God or all else will be to no avail.

He didn't just give the truth he gave himself.

John 10:11