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"Refuse To Give Up Your Promise!"

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[2 Kings 4:8-37 \(NIV\)](#) [2 Kings 4:8-37 \(KJV\)](#) [2 Kings 4:8-37 \(AMP\)](#)

Many people know the story of the Shunammite woman who had a room built onto her home to give the Prophet Elisha a place to rest. She blessed him so he wanted to bless her. Every time he asked her what she needed or wanted she responded, in complete contentment, that she needed nothing. It seems that she had no selfish motive in blessing the Man of God. Finally Elisha was told she had no son. This was Elisha's opportunity to bless her.

¹⁵Then Elisha said, "Call her." So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. ¹⁶"About this time next year," Elisha said, "you will hold a son in your arms." "No, my lord," she objected. "Don't mislead your servant, O man of God!" ¹⁷But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her. 2 Kings 4:15-17 (NIV)

At first the woman had difficulty believing that Elisha's words could be true for her, but she eventually grasped the promise and had the promised son.

There are many reasons having a son was so important to the Shunammite: someone to carry on the family name and to take care of her in her old age to name two.

Let us look a little deeper at the second part of the story. Years later her son, still a child, got sick and died. This mother, who at first did not believe Elisha's words that she'd have a son, had by now so fully accepted the promise as hers that she REFUSED to even verbalize that her son had died. She also refused to believe that it was God's will for her son to die in his youth because everything that goes with having a son had not been realized (name carried on etc.).

Telling everyone she encountered that "all is well" she went to Elisha. The promise came through Elisha so she addressed the situation only to him.

²⁷When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why." ²⁸"Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes'?" 2 Kings 4:27-28 (NIV)

Elisha wanted to send his servant to take care of the problem, but that was not good enough for

the woman. She went to the top and would not accept anything but the best (so to say).

When God gives us a promise, take hold of it and REFUSE to let go of it. When it looks like that promise has been destroyed or only partially fulfilled then destroyed, go back to the Heavenly Father and, as the Shunammite woman did, demand the fulfillment of the promise. God NEVER breaks his promises or his Word, so boldly and respectfully hold him to his promises and his Word.

He likes that.

Remember...

We need to always focus on Christ!

The blessings of our Lord on you and all that is yours by blood, adoption or assignment!

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