

# **Prayer Focus**

### **January 31 – February 6, 2022**

## **Prayer for Family**

2 Kings 4:18-37 TLV

"18 Now when the child was grown, one day he went out to his father among the reapers. 19 Then he said to his father, 'My head, my head!' So he said to his servant, 'Carry him to his mother.' 20 So he picked him up and brought him to his mother. The child sat on her lap until noon, and then died. 21 She then went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut the door on him and went out. 22 Then she called to her husband, and said, 'Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys that I may run to the man of God and come back.'

<sup>23</sup> But he said, 'Why are you going to him today? It is neither New Moon nor Shabbat.'

But she said, 'It will be well.'

- <sup>24</sup> Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, 'Move on! Don't slow down riding unless I tell you.'
- <sup>25</sup> So she set out and came near the man of God at Mount Carmel. Upon seeing her from a distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, 'Look! There's the Shunammite. <sup>26</sup> Please, run now to meet her and ask her: "Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the boy?"

She answered, 'It is well.' <sup>27</sup> But when she arrived at the mountain, up to the man of God, she caught hold of his feet.

Then Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, 'Leave her alone, for her soul is bitter within her, yet ADONAI has hid it from me and has not told me.'

<sup>28</sup> 'Did I ask my lord for a son?' she said. 'Didn't I say, "Don't deceive me"?'

<sup>29</sup> Then he said to Gehazi, 'Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand and go. If you meet anyone, don't greet him. Or if anyone greets you, don't answer him; and lay my staff on the face of the child.'

<sup>30</sup> But the mother of the child said, 'As ADONAI lives and as you live, I won't leave you.' So he arose and followed her. <sup>31</sup> Gehazi passed on ahead of them and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or response. So he returned to meet him and told him, saying, 'The boy has not awakened.'

<sup>32</sup> When Elisha entered the house, there was the child, dead and laying on his bed. <sup>33</sup> So he entered and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to ADONAI. <sup>34</sup> Then he got up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth and his eyes on his eyes and his hands on his hands, and he stretched himself upon him. So the flesh of the child became warm. <sup>35</sup> Then he stepped down and walked in the house to and fro, and then he got up on the bed and stretched himself on him. The child sneezed seven times, then the child opened his eyes. <sup>36</sup> He then called Gehazi and said, 'Call the Shunammite.'

So he called her. When she came in to him, he said, 'Pick up your son.' <sup>37</sup> She came, fell at his feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out."

There are many lessons to be learned from the Shunammite woman when praying for our family. Perhaps, we are praying for restoration from illness, healing of the body or mind, or even the return of a prodigal.

- ❖ The Shunammite woman refused to give in to fear and had great faith, saying "It will be well."
- She went directly to the prophet Elisha. She did not explain to anyone what she was doing, she just knew the one required to help.
- ❖ She went in haste and did not slow down until she had gotten to Elisha.
- She went in absolute humility, grabbing ahold of the prophet's feet.

- She was persistent, refusing to leave until the prophet Elisha agreed to go with her to restore her son. Her persistence was effectual.
- Only Elisha, the man of God, was able to restore her son, and he did.
- Melody Divine

#### **PRAY**

Ask the Lord to give you the Shunammite woman's anointing to have faith, be persistent, refuse to give in to fear, and gain the victory through Jesus as you intercede for your family members this week.

#### **Events**

Prayer Force Website: http://www.prayerforce.live/

Prayer Force Room Sign-Up

Prayer Force Equipping Hour – Every other Tuesday at 1:00pm, Pacific