

Victory Connect Lesson
When the Word is in Your House
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Key Passage: 2Kings 4:8-37 The Shunammite woman.

1. The Shunammite woman made room for the prophet.

[2Ki 4:8-10 NLT]...Elisha went to the town of Shunem. A wealthy woman...urged him to come to her home for a meal...She said to her husband, "I am sure this man...is a holy man of God. 10 Let's build a small room for him..."

2. God seeks to grant the deep desires of our heart.

[2Ki 4:13-14 NLT] Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tell her...What can we do for you?... Later Elisha asked..."What can we do for her?" Gehazi replied, "She doesn't have a son..."

3. The woman was disturbed at Elisha's promise.

[2Ki 4:16 NLT] "Next year at this time you will be holding a son in your arms!" "No, my lord!" she cried. "O man of God, don't deceive me and get my hopes up like that."

4. God superseded her doubt, she became pregnant.

[2Ki 4:17 NLT] But sure enough, the woman soon became pregnant...the following year...just as Elisha had said.
[Isa 55:11 KJV] 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void...

5. Later her son died, the woman went to the prophet.

[2Ki 4:30 NLT] 30 But the boy's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I won't go home unless you go with me." So Elisha returned with her.

6. The miracle was private, personal, and a process.

[2Ki 4:32-33, 35 NLT] When Elisha arrived, the child was indeed dead...He went in alone and shut the door behind him and prayed to the LORD...Elisha got up, walked back and forth across the room once, and then stretched himself out again on the child. This time the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes!

Discussion Questions:

1. How much room does God have in your house?
2. Have you given up on an unanswered prayer?
3. Share a time your need was met by the Word of God.

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