

Confessions

- I am a child of God!
- God loves me
- I have the mind of Christ
- I am always above, never beneath
- I walk in peace
- I am 10 times wiser than the world
- I have self control
- I am the head and not the tail
- I love myself
- I make good choices
- I have quick understanding



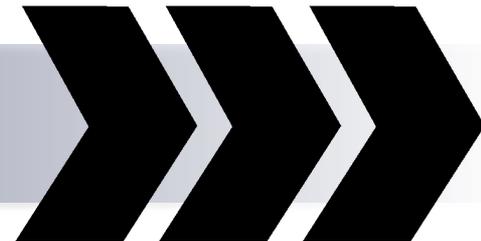
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- I will respect adults, other students, and myself at all times
- I will communicate with my parents in **ADVANCE**
- I will be organized-keeping up with my books, paper, pencils, & school work
- I will put things back in their proper place
- I am on time
- I will be bold enough to ask when I don't know
- I will respect personal space
- Today is the best day of my life
- I am a child of God!



Praise Time!

Born Again



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Enduring Faith

— The Living Word Series —



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Focus Thought

To survive the trials of life,
we must have enduring faith.

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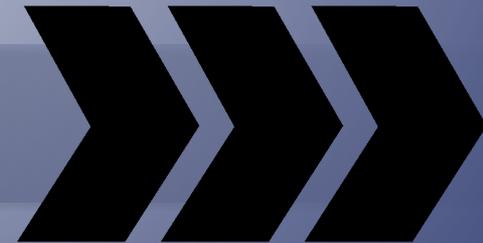


Focus Verse

Hebrews 12:2

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Lesson Text

Hebrews 12:1–3

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.



Lesson Text

II Kings 4:18–21, 32–37

18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.



Lesson Text

II Kings 4:18–21, 32–37

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.



Lesson Text

II Kings 4:18–21, 32–37

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.



I. The Shunammite Woman and Her Husband Built a Room for Elisha

- A. God's prophets had a home base, but they were usually on the road most of the time fulfilling God's mission.
- B. This was the case for the prophet Elisha. He regularly visited Shunem.
- C. Shunem Couple (genuine love for God and his kingdom). They demonstrated their love in a tangible way.
- D. Wife wanted to Take Care of the Prophet. The couple built on to their home (a furnished chamber for Elisha to stay when he was in town)
- E. Elisha now came to them every time he was in town.



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What are some specific ways your pastor is a blessing in your life? Purpose to write your pastor a note this week expressing your gratitude.



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- A. She Wanted to Take Care of the Prophet Elisha.
- B. The couple sought nothing in return. Their intent was genuine- spurred by their love for God.
- C. She Wanted Him to Stay with Them When He Came to Town. The couple built on to their home (a furnished chamber for Elisha to stay when he was in town).
- D. She “constrained” him to eat bread with them.
- E. She was desperate for a visit from Elisha. She did not care what others thought.
- F. Elisha now came to them every time he was in town.



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- A. Elisha's name means "God is Salvation"
- B. Even though this woman was "great" (rich), she just didn't expect for this man to come to her. She actively sought after Elisha and God's connection through him.



II. The Shunammite Woman Was Unable to Have a Child

- A. She was barren. This was a difficult, painful trial for her.
- B. She pleaded with God, but still no child.
- C. When God's reply to our deepest desire is either "no" or "wait", we begin to hear Hell's whisper that God cannot be trusted.
- D. Instead Her Faith Remained in God and His Miracle-Working Power



Have you ever been angry at God?
Describe the situation and how you
overcame.

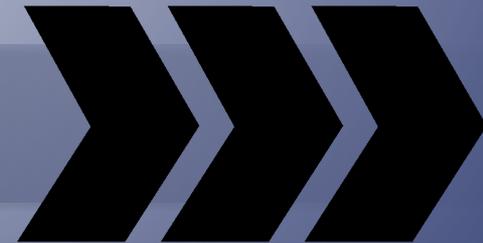


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- A. Her Faith Remained in God and His Miracle-Working Power
- B. She Stayed Faithful Though Her Desires Were Not Rewarded. Elisha's presence did not produce faithfulness in her; it merely revealed it.
- C. The true measure of faith is not found in answered prayers, but unanswered ones.
- D. The Prophet Asked What She Desired. She was hesitant to say it at first.



Why do you believe we are sometimes
hesitant to express our deepest desires to
God?

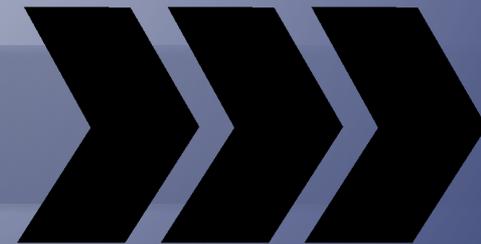


III. God Gave Her a Son

- A. When the Shunammite woman did not express any specific request to the prophet, he went and his servant Gehazi what he could do for her.
- B. Elisha Prophesied Over Her- she would have a child by that time next year.
- C. She showed signs of her faith wavering for the first time. She asked Elisha not to lie to her.
- D. When we approach the point of our miracle, we should make a focused effort to continue to express faith when the fear of further disappointment lures us to doubt.



Do you believe our faith is often tested the most just before the answer to our prayers comes? Explain.



III. God Gave Her a Son

- A. Elisha Prophesied Over Her
- B. God Honored Her Enduring Faith by Giving Her a Son. God gave more credence to her years of faith than that moment of doubt.
- C. God responds more to faith that exhibits endurance than excitement.



Discuss the difference between faith in a moment and faithfulness over a lifetime.

Enduring Faith



IV. Jesus Endured the Cross to Save Us

- Jesus hung on the cross not for a moment, but for hours.
- His flesh eventually cried out after enduring so much pain for such a long time (“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”).
- For the first time, he felt Heaven’s rejection and the shame of sin. Yet, in that moment, Christ demonstrated for us the power of enduring faith. Amid His agony, He kept His focus on the results and rewards to be achieved if He simply remained faithful.



V. God Calls Us to Endure Our Trials by Faith

- We may not face something as extreme as execution like Jesus, but eventually we ALL will have our faith tried by life's circumstances.
- You won't be able to anticipate them; they are never enjoyable; they are painful. Yet they are beneficial to our eternal purpose.
- The way we will not only survive these times of adversity but also thrive in them is if we have faith that endures. (For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory-II Cor 4:17).

