

MIXED BLESSINGS
(2 Kings 4:8-37)

- I. Mutual GRACE (2 Kings 4:8-17)
 - A. The GRACE of the Shunamite WOMAN (4:8-10, 13*b*)
 - 1. She was IMPORTANT
 - 2. She was GENEROUS
 - 3. She was GODLY
 - 4. She was CONTENT
 - B. The GRACE of the PROPHET (4:11-13)
 - 1. He was GRATEFUL
 - 2. He was GENEROUS
 - 3. He was BOLD
 - C. The GRACE of GOD—He gave her the CHILD

- II. Consequential GRIEF (2 Kings 4:18-28)
 - A. The boy GREW UP
 - B. The boy DIED SUDDENLY
 - C. She put him in ELISHA'S BED
 - D. She prepared for a TRIP to see the PROPHET
 - 1. Told her husband WHERE SHE WAS GOING

2. Told him “ALL is WELL”
 3. Traveled as QUICKLY as POSSIBLE
 4. IGNORED Gehazi and went straight to ELISHA
 5. She EMBRACED the prophet’s FEET
- E. Elisha DIDN’T KNOW why she came
1. LIMITED in KNOWLEDGE
 2. LIMITED in POWER
 3. DEPENDENT on PRAYER
- F. Her explanation indicates she felt BETRAYED

III. Eventual GLORY (2 Kings 4:29-37)

- A. Elisha ACTED IMMEDIATELY
- B. Elisha PRAYED FERVENTLY
- C. God RESTORED the boy to LIFE

IV. Lessons

- A. God DELIGHTS to give good gifts to His children
- B. God’s WAYS are UNPREDICTABLE
 1. POSITION provides no INSULATION against CATASTROPHE
 2. “FAITH” means “CLINGING to God when you DON’T UNDERSTAND”
- C. God’s SERVANTS are merely HUMAN
- D. SEPARATION is never PERMANENT