

JON'S SERMON OUTLINE...

A DYNAMITE SHUNAMITE

⁸ Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there was a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. ⁹ And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly. ¹⁰ Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."

2 Kings 4:8-10

Introduction: During the days of Elisha, there lived a great mother in Shunem. Though she is unnamed, we know her as the Shunamite woman. By looking at her story, we learn some really good things about motherhood that can inspire our faith. Beyond her status as a "well to do" citizen, she was a woman of exceptional character. Her great example makes her a "dynamite Shunamite."

1. HER _____ (2 Kings 4:8-10):
 - a. She wanted to do something special for a man of God.
 - b. Great mothers are led by God to detect the needs of others.
 - c. God wants us to be concerned about others (Matthew 22:39).
2. HER _____ (2 Kings 4:11-17):
 - a. She believed she had all she needed (2 Kings 4:13).
 - b. Great mothers know that godliness satisfies (1 Timothy 6:6).
 - c. God will bring forth our righteousness as we trust Him (Psalm 37:5-6).
3. HER _____ (2 Kings 4:18-37):
 - a. She turned to Elisha when her son died.
 - b. Great mothers remain calm in distress (2 Kings 4:26).
 - c. God wants us to confidently turn to Him (1 John 5:14).

CONCLUSION: How's your faith today?

Answers: 1. Compassion 2. Contentment 3. Confidence