

**Membership** † Discipleship † Leadership

Hebrews 10:24-25 *“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”*

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_  
“belonging to a congregation of believers who assemble themselves to be edified by faith that they may be fully equipped to do the works of God”

## “PACE Yourself”

† Proverbs 4:7 *“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding”*

Have you ever received a Blessing that expired before it reached its full potential. You perceived it was of the Lord! Likewise, in 2 Kings 4:8-37 we learn of the Shunammite woman who perceived Elisha to be a Holy Man of God and surely he was. She was an extraordinary woman but there was a void in her life that couldn't be filled by man. The man of God promised her a son despite the fact that her husband had aged to the extent he couldn't produce children. Despite her uncertainty, she conceived and gave birth to the promise to only have it die in her lap. Everybody can't nurture what God has birthed through you. God placed the vision in you. It's your dream. If you've experienced church hurt in the past, it does not mean you can't have a healthy church experience in the future. We can learn a lot from her amazing faith and their divine connection. She trusted God through the man of God. Elisha PACEd (v35) and the promise experienced total recovery!


**Pray:** Elisha interceded in prayer for the Shunammite woman and her son. He understood the importance of consulting God. Prayer is two-way communication. Often times, we pray to God but fail to listen to His response. Elisha knew that he could not rely on his own strength. He needed God's direction, guidance and he received it through the power of prayer. Let us pray -*Lord, thank you for providing guidance, wisdom, and strength through the Holy Spirit! Please continue to give us direction and understanding as we communicate the good news of salvation to the world. We trust the Holy Spirit to lead us and empower us as we convey the truth that will draw others closer to you. In the wondrous name of Jesus Christ!*

**Acknowledge:** While in pursuit to the man of God, she was stopped by Gehazi. She told him “it is well” because she knew he could not help her. We must pray for discernment and ask God to reveal who we can share our circumstances with. We cry out to every listening ear and then we're hurt when others are gossiping about our private pain. Pursue God and commit your ears to God's voice. He has strategically hand-picked someone to help you. Elisha was sent by God to help her with her extreme special need. Gehazi came near to push her away but Elisha said “Let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress...” Read more about Gehazi's character in 2 Kings 5:20-27.

† Romans 12:2 “. . . be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

**Commit:** Whatever you’re assigned to do in ministry, serve as serving unto the Lord (Eph. 6:7). You may think it’s a *small* act of service but God blesses his faithful servants. The Shunammite woman prepared a *small* room with the essentials that provided rest for the man of God. Elisha said “You’ve gone far beyond the call of duty...” She didn’t have a hidden agenda. When asked what she wanted in return she replied “Nothing...” (v13MSG). If you have a servant’s heart, you do not need accolades or recognition from man. You clearly understand that it’s your reasonable service. Continue to serve the Lord with gladness! (Ps. 100:2)

**Expect** to be restored! After surviving a seven year famine, everything was restored to them. The Bible says that the king restored all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now. The same man who once wanted to push her away was now speaking her blessing to the king (2 Kings 8:1-6). This is a season of Great Expectation. God is bigger than your dreams. He will do exceedingly and abundantly above all that you may ask or think. Is what you’re asking in line with what you’re thinking? Are you asking but in your mind you’re thinking He can’t or He won’t? Expand your expectations! Restoration has come!

 Weekly Assignment: Reference the Bible for supporting scriptures

Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement: \_\_\_\_\_

Commitment: \_\_\_\_\_

Expectation: \_\_\_\_\_

† Psalm 119:11 “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

Day/ Week of	Daily Reading	What verse had the most impact? ex: 2 Sam 7 God’s Covenant with David
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Samuel 22-24	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Samuel 25-27	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Samuel 28-31	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Samuel 1-3	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Samuel 4-6	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Samuel 7-9	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Samuel 10-12	

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