

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Preschool
Week 4

Read 2 Kings 4:8-17

Wow, I know that I have read this story before, but I don't think that I have ever read it on its own, without the extraordinary stories before and after it. Elisha, a busy prophet of God, is always at work and traveling doing what God tells him. God is extremely aware of what Elisha needs, even more so than Elisha is aware. God also knows what the rich woman wants and makes something incredible happen when these two people are simply listening and pursuing God. But there is so much more goodness in these 10 verses. After reading these verses, I'm greatly affected by these three realizations:

1. A rich woman sees a need and meets a need without being asked, simply by being aware.
2. God provided rest, in a way that was probably desperately needed, but would have never been asked for. He made a way for his faithful servant Elisha to rest and rest well.
3. God provided through this woman, and Elisha helped bless this humble woman in a way she didn't even ask for after.

That is it, that is the devo, because I want you to read this and reflect on this passage and what stood out to you. Those three ideas are significant and I could write pages on each, but the reality is that God is meeting several needs within me through this story. I recognize God's movement through the Bible because the word of God is alive (Hebrews 4:12) and works in each of us in different ways. Read through it and ask yourself these questions:

What pulls at my heart strings in this story?

What character traits of God do I see in this?

How have I seen God show up through other people?