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| **M**inister’s Training tonight- we are doing a pulse check for the end of the year. There is so much God is requiring of us, but we must be in place. **2 Kings 4:8- The Shunammite’s son****Well to do woman was there. Let us make a room, bed, table, lamp so he can stay there. He went to his room and laid there.** **Gehazi fetched the Shunamite woman** **What can I do for you?****She has no son-** **She got to the man of God…****Luke 9:1 Jesus sent the disciples****Took hold of the feet of the man of God****She is in bitter distress** **When Gehazi placed the staff there was no response.****He laid on the boy- his body grew warm****Stretched out on him twice; body grew warm, then sneezed 7 times****The follower of Elijah- we are talking about Elisha. Double anointing** **On 4 occasions, Elijah told Elisha to go back… he never did…****When we require the same thing here today, we think the man of God is worrisome…****I Kings 19:15-16 there were multiple people who were anointed by Elijah, but Elisha was in position – he was there to get the double anointing.****Someone must willfully want the mantle. Someone must pick it up. I cannot compel you to do it. Until your spirit totally surrenders you will not be able to pick up what is required.** **The Shunamite woman went the realm beyond hospitality-****Sometimes we do not like the push. It is uncomfortable. It makes us dig deeper so we can find out who we are.****She built a house.** **Titus 1:8- loves what is good, hospitable, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined…** **Romans 12:13 Shephard the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality, rejoicing in hope, patient in affliction, continuing instant in prayer, distributing to the necessity of the saints, given to hospitality, bless them that persecute you and curse not; be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.** **Matt 12:46- 50 he stretched his hands to the disciples and said the same is my mother and my brother. What did Jesus mean? There is no separation between the two. We are all family. Pay attention and the next part will change the way we interact with each other throughout ministry. Reiterate to the people of God what and who family is, what we mean to each other and what it means to God. We must interact with each other; and know those who labor among us. That personal connection. But it takes people to be willing and desiring to connect. There is a connection to have.** **Let us look at leadership. Leaders should know what is going on with one another and with those who follow.** **Let us look at Nehemiah 2- what made the king know there was something wrong with Nehemiah.** **Nehemiah 2:2 why does your face look so sad when you are not ill- this can be nothing but sadness of heart.** **Just like the Shunamite woman…** **When we know one another- the reason she made the room on her house was for the intimacy of hanging out with the teacher. Just like Peter, James, and John…****They were privy to some new things…God trusted to drop down the knowledge that Jesus was the son of God through Peter.****The Lord was ok with getting past his blatant disregard for obedience.****The Lord has already spoken about each of the leaders within this ministry; The Lord knew Peter was the rock. Some of the leaders here are rocks but are acting like sand. Peter, James, and John … think about Peter and John who grabbed the man outside of the church. Silver and Gold, have I none, but such as I have… Acts 3:6-****If we hunger and thirst after righteousness- they shall be filled (Matt 5:6). If we are not in the position to be filled how are we going to fill others. With the Shunamite woman she recognized when Elisha came to town he was coming to work. She saw it and built the room. She wanted to be close to the teacher but did not want anything in return.** **Luke 9:1-6 He called the disciples together, gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases. Elisha was doing the same. Proclaiming the kingdom, go with nothing!! Take nothing for your journey.** **The Shunamite woman put her faith in God through the man of God. When she came up to Elisha in vs 27 of 2 Kings 4; it was something natural that needed to be handled. He said the Lord did not reveal it to him. I suspect they had one on ones… She trusted the man of God to be the conduit to get stuff done in the supernatural. So, do you trust the leaders, the people on the zoom call next to you…? Do you we trust. For the woman to build a room on her house, she had to trust who he was. Back in the day there was a difference in the outhouse (Soldier’s quarters) and the main house. There is a level of reverence and respect that is due to the God inside of us… There is an anointing and respect that runs with who we are in Christ. That is why hospitality in the church works like it does and if a Pastor visits, he is invited up close.** **Why is the pulpit thought to be more holy than the rest of the church?****Matthew 27:50- Let us understand we are to reverence it but know that we are all equal in terms of our ability to get to God b/c the vail has been rent. People/place- our heart is the most holy place.****Exodus 28: 35-36****You must work out your own soul salvation (Philipians 2:12) …** **How can they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14****There is a necessity to reverence and honor the man and woman of God.** **The room in our heart we prepare for God should not be shared with anyone else (Isaiah 42:8). She made the room where he did not have to share with anyone else.** **When we serve God without condition, he takes care of us.** **The son died… Let us look at 2 Kings 4: 20- she laid him on the bed of the man of God. Her faith activated b/c they said he died, but she never claimed him to be dead. She brings him and laid him on the bed. She shut the door…she understood her faith and her presence, then something that would change the situation. She did not have time to send her husband (who may not have had the same faith). She said to run to the man of God. The husband vs 23 why today… Just like Abraham- the faith said we are going up and we are coming down.** **This woman said if I get to the man of God- it shall be well!!****She knew that the man of God could do something that she did not understand. Where is our belief?!!** **A lot of people come into our lives and we discard them… because the package they come in. It is the same with the people God has put in our lives. Suitable help mates, head of households, pastors, leaders… God has strategized the connections.** **Look at Naman; when he received the instruction from Gehazi to dip it worked in that situation. Elisha had the double portion. Elisha had to power to raise him from the dead!!** **We need to have one another’s number. We must be connected.****Ex… no one else could do what David did. No one else could sooth the savage beast.****1 Thess 5:12- know those who labor among you. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you. And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak and be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.** **2 Kings 4: 34 He laid upon the child and lay upon him, put his mouth on 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. Then he returned and walked in the house to and from; and went up and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed 7 times, and the child opened his eyes!!!** **1 Kings 17:8-24 vs 17- trials and tribulations will come whether we serve God or not, but with the Lord we are better able to go through. Elisha did the same think Elijah did. If we are not in place you will not have the things to give. Elijah stretched himself out on the child, three times and cried out to the Lord. Vs 24 the woman said to Elijah, now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth!! Trust and Believe. Love one another. There is a reward from the Lord.** **Ephesians 4:11-13****1 Cor 12:4- Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit of word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit diving to every man severally as he will.****Romans 12:6****Romans 11:29****Min Keita- if we do not love more harder this year; some of us are not going to make it. That’s from the Lord.**  |
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