



## Look Back | Look Down

Look back and review the main points of the message. Look down and ask, what are these Scripture text(s) teaching us about God and ourselves?

Read: 2 Kings 4:8-37

1. Sometimes God's promises and miracles are threatened, but He promises to never fail us. What miracle in the Shunammite woman's life came under threat? How did she respond? How did God respond?
2. What role did Elisha perform in facing the threat (v.30 – 35)? How did Elisha's faith become a source of strength for the distraught mother? Why is this important for us to understand?

## Look In | Look Around

Look in and consider what God is asking you to do. Look around and ask, how can I be an encouragement to others?

3. God's promises are real. Read the following verses and list the promises of God as you see them. Joshua 1:9; Isa. 26:3; Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20; Phil. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:7; John 16:3. In what ways have God's promises produced hope in your life?
4. We must decide that God will always finish what He's started. What is required for us to make this kind of choice?
5. Read Matthew 6:33. What must change in our lives so that God's purposes take priority? What is God's promise to us if His ways become central?

## Look Forward | Look Out

Look forward and ask yourself, what am I going to change in the coming week? Look out and apply what you know to the world around you.

6. What practical things can you do this week to make your home a place where God, and His promises, are central? How much are you willing to give to pursue God's promises?
7. Sometimes, when our faith is weak, it is difficult to believe in God's promises. How can your church, your group, or a believing friend help you through these vulnerable moments? Why is it vitally important that we gather around ourselves faithful believers, especially when our lives are in crisis?