

## The Faith Fight of a Determined Mother

*2 Kings 4:11-14 (KJV)*

*11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. 14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.*

*1 Timothy 6:12 (KJV)*

*12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

Many of the responsibilities that Christians have can be very stressful. Medical research shows that stress is a major cause of multiple illnesses. However, I challenge you to name one single vocation, position, or responsibility more stressful than motherhood.

In April of 2015, during the Baltimore riots, one woman was dubbed “Mother of the Year” for her response to finding her son aiding in the riots. The woman was captured on camera slapping the young man, dressed in all black riot gear, and marching him away from the police. As you can image, the scene went viral online quickly.

This video showcased an act of correction that has become foreign to our society. Anyone’s child can be mischievous, but this is where parents need to stand firm. Where are the parents who are not ashamed to take the appropriate action to protect their children?

We live in a sin-filled, lawless society that is headed in a downward spiral.

We need God fearing parents that are not afraid to raise the next generation in the fear and admonishment of the Lord, regardless of how unpopular it has become.

Regardless of what anyone says, resisting Satan's temptations is a battle that must be fought continually. Satan is a deceitful demon that waits patiently for you to let your guard down.

We need to claim the victory by the words of our testimonies and the Blood of the Spotless Lamb.

In the 4th chapter of 2 Kings, there's a Shunammite woman that's a candidate for the next Mother of the Year award. She's a faith filled, blood bought, woman whose made up her mind; she will fight to hell and back before she allows Satan to take her child.

*2 Timothy 3:12 (KJV)*

*12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

We don't have all the things we need to fight against Satan on our own, but with the aid of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the appropriate blessings are provided for us to make it through the situations we are presented.

When Satan sees you reaching to God for help, his first inclination is going to be to try to stop you from harnessing and utilizing God's power. You weren't on Satan's radar until he seen God blessing your life.

In 2 Kings, The Shunammite is described as a great woman. She's content, even though nothing is perfect, and her only desire is to be a blessing to the man of God.

She started inviting the man of God over for dinner and every time he was in town, she would make him a fine meal. Then she decided to make a place for the man of God to stay when he passed through. You see, when you start caring about others; it gets God's attention.

*Ephesians 6:8 (KJV)*

*8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*

Elisha told his servant, “see if the woman needs anything.” She said, “I live among my own people.” But Gehazi noticed and said, “the woman doesn’t have any children and her husband is old.”

When un-fulfillment gets revealed, it wakes up my faith! It keeps me moving forward! Look at some body and tell them, “I can’t go back now!”

*2 Kings 4:15-16 (KJV)*

*15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.*

*16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.*

In other words, she said “Alright, man of God, don’t you play with me!”

When God shows up and gives you a blessing, you must keep moving forward, you cannot go backwards.

*2 Kings 4:17, 20*

*17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life... 20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.*

Sometimes the calamity that happens in life did not come to discourage, but rather, it came to wake up the fighter that God put inside you.

You’re not going to be a candidate for the “Mother of the Year” award if you just go along with the program. There has to be a kingdom warrior awakened inside of you that puts hell on notice! Devil, you’re not going to take another blessing from me!

*Matthew 11:12 (KJV)*

*12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*

Here are four traits of a Mother Fighter:

1. The Shunammite woman harnessed her emotion. Don't let the devil see you sweat! God is on your side!
2. Stay faithful in God's promises. Don't expect anything short of God's promises to happen. Although the Shunammite woman was in an emotional battle, she stated, "It shall be well!"
3. Have a sense of urgency to get to someone that can agree with you with a Word from God to overturn the problem. (She told the servant saddle an ass and drive, and go forward; and slack not thy riding, except I tell you too.) She was on a mission...
4. You must have a determination to win. Jacob wrestled with an angel all night to the breaking of day and said, I will not let go, except thou bless me.

Elisha told Elijah, "As the Lord liveth, and thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee, and he received a double portion of Elijah's Spirit.

This Shunammite woman qualifies for "Mother of the Year," because she was determined that if God gave her the child, He would also be able to use the man of God to resurrect the child!

It's time for the church to send a message, if we have to drag them off the corner, we will not lose any more children to an unjust society. We need some mothers of the year to stand and say, "if I must fight; bring it on! I'm more than a conqueror through him that loves me. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world! If God be for me, who can be against!"