

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 31, 2015
2 Kings 8:1-6

1. Why did Elisha tell the Shunammite woman to leave for a while? _____

2. What did the woman do?
 - a. She talked to God and told her that wasn't going to happen.
 - b. She decided to stay.
 - c. She did what the man of God said.
 - d. She and her family went away and stayed in the land of the Philistines for seven years.
3. What do you do when a trusted person of God tells you something?
 - a. I test the spirits (1 John 4:1)
 - b. I ignore them because how dare they think they know what God says better than me.
 - c. I do what I want, because they are probably just out to hurt me anyway.
 - d. I do what they say.
4. Why did Elisha tell her about the famine when everybody else had to suffer through it?
 - a. I don't know, this doesn't seem fair.
 - b. The famine was a punishment because Israel turned away from God.
 - c. The woman had not turned away, but had made room for God in her home and life.
 - d. In 2 Kings 3, Elisha was trying to do anything to help this woman because of the hospitality that she had shown him.
 - e. Matthew 10 reflects the instructions of Jesus regarding the treatment of those who are sent from God.
5. What did she do when she came back? _____
6. Where did Gehazi come from? Wasn't he sent away from Elisha like 3 chapters ago? ____
 - a. I don't know.
 - b. I wouldn't have even caught that if you didn't ask because I wasn't in Bible Study that week!
 - c. These stories are obviously not in chronological order.
 - d. This story probably best belongs chronologically before 2 Kings 4:38.
7. What was the king talking to Gahazi about?
 - a. The weather.
 - b. "The great things that Elisha has done."
 - c. When Elisha had brought the Shunammite woman's son back to life.
8. Was it a coincidence that this was happening at exactly the time that the woman came back?
 - a. No, God was providing for the Shunammite woman.
 - b. This seven years seems to correspond with the prophet anointing Jehu (son of Jehoshaphat) king of Israel and the ensuing overthrow in chapter 9.
 - c. Perhaps, Gehazi was telling the new king, who was a son of the king of Judah, all what God had been doing in Israel through the prophet.
9. Does God work things out in miraculous ways in your life as well? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____