



LONGING FOR REVIVAL

*Week 5: Breakthrough Faith Part 2 | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Sermon Questions for 2.8.2026*

OPENER

Sunday's sermon began with a simple cultural moment — Just like a Superbowl ad can plant seeds of curiosity, the story of the Shunammite woman reminds us that God often works in surprising ways — through tragedy, waiting, and persistence — to awaken faith and bring resurrection life.

READ

2 Kings 4:18–37 & 2 Kings 8:1–6

MAIN POINTS

1. Breakthrough Faith Is Persistent When Results Are Delayed

Elisha's first attempt through Gehazi fails — and that failure is part of the lesson: miracles are not mechanical. Breakthrough comes through the presence of the living God, not formulas or objects.

Delayed results do not mean divine absence.

2. Breakthrough Faith Presses In When Obedience Feels Ineffective

Elisha enters the room, prays, lays over the child, and still... nothing happens immediately. So, he paces. He returns. He keeps praying.

Breakthrough faith stays in the room instead of walking away in despair.

3. Breakthrough Faith Is Abiding Trust in Our Resurrected Savior

This miracle points beyond Elisha. Elisha stretched himself over one dead child. Jesus stretched Himself on the cross to give life to the world. Elisha shows what God can do. Jesus shows who God is.

4. Breakthrough Faith Becomes a Public Witness

What God revives in private, He often uses in public. Years later, the woman's resurrection story becomes testimony before a king — awakening faith in others. Revival spreads when resurrection stories are told.

ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- What stood out to you most from the story of Elisha and the Shunamite woman in this sermon? Why?

- The sermon said: *“Delayed results do not mean divine absence.”*
Where have you experienced waiting or silence from God in your own life?
- Why do you think God allowed Gehazi’s attempt with the staff to fail?
What does that teach us about how we sometimes approach prayer or miracles?
- Elisha “paced back and forth” before returning again to pray.
What does it look like for someone today to “stay in the room” spiritually?
- The sermon described breakthrough faith as *refusing to finalize reality*.
What is the difference between denying reality and refusing to finalize it?
- How does this story ultimately point us to Jesus and the greater resurrection He provides?
- The woman’s private miracle later became a public witness.
How might God use your own story — even painful parts — to strengthen someone else’s faith?

BOTTOM LINE

Breakthrough faith is full confidence in who God is, regardless of what He chooses to do — and it presses toward Jesus, the Resurrection, even in the waiting.