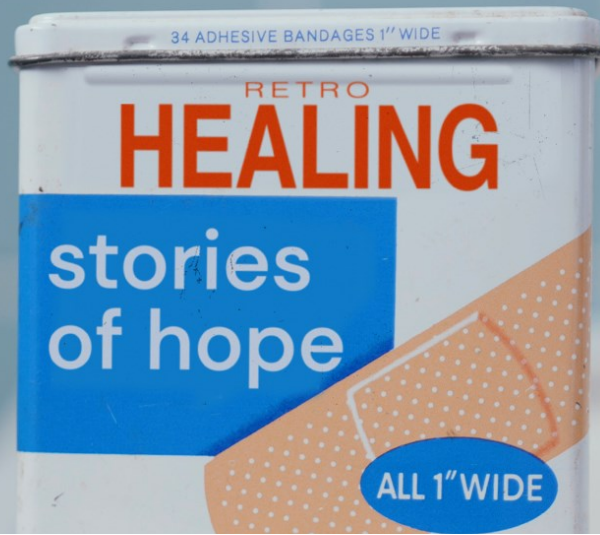




Face to Face, Hand in Hand

The Old Testament is filled with stories of faith, hope, triumph and healing. In this series, we will look to the Old Testament for stories of healing that can bring hope and encouragement to us in our faith walk with Christ.

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: Outside of scripture, have you ever heard about anyone being dead and brought back to life?
 - Do you believe it when someone claims they have been to heaven and seen Jesus and then were resuscitated? Why or why not?
 - What are the contributing factors that make this so hard to believe?
 - Raising the dead to life happens all throughout scripture. Why do you think very few of us have witnessed this with our own eyes?
- Read 2 Kings 4:8-37
 - Why do you think the Shunammite woman and her husband were so hospitable towards Elisha?
 - What is the significance of the fact that it was the wife initiating the hospitality and the plans of building an extra room for Elisha rather than her husband?
 - List the consequences the Shunammite woman would have to face for not bearing a son for her aging husband?

There are severe consequences that she will have to face once her husband dies. No son means no heir. She is well provided for by her husband's property and resources, but without an heir that property and those resources are not secured for her.

- She had secured a place for Elisha. He wants to secure her place for her. Why do you think he was so set doing something for her?
- When her son had died, why do you think she would tell Elisha's servant saying, "All is well."?
 - In v. 28 the woman reminds Elisha of her plea back in v. 16 to not mislead or raise her hopes. Do you think she is blaming Elisha for her pain in this moment? Why or why not?
 - Did she have to bring Elisha to accomplish the purpose of confrontation? Or do you think there was another purpose of her trip?
- Elisha displays mastery of death. Explain how it is true that we even have mastery over death in Jesus.
- How is the woman's interactions with Elisha reflective of our relationship with God?