

Talkback With Pastor Sukja

In the midst of crisis, what gives you the confidence of the Shunamite woman to say, "*It will be all right*" (v. 23)? Give testimony of occasions when healing *has* occurred. Sometimes, of course, "healing" is some alternate from what we had originally hoped, yet "...*being different can be a blessing*." How so? How can we bring hope to persons in crisis who are feeling hopeless?

Go Deeper

2) Again, the scriptures repeat themselves: compare II Kings 4:8-37 with I Kings 17:17-24. What are the common points in these two narratives? What are some differences?

Great Things in the Church

Review John 4:46-54 for an episode when Jesus heals a child. Talk about your Church's ministry of healing today. What is the role of *faith* (Matthew 9:22) in healing? 'Of *human touch* (Matthew 9:18, 25)? 'Of *prayer*? How does your church employ physical healings as a *sign* (John 4:54) which points others to Christ?

Get Me a Musician

4) Read or sing through hymn #458 ("Dear Lord, for All in Pain") in the United Methodist Hymnal. How does this hymn amplify the theme of today's lesson? Which particular lines or phrases speak to you?

"While the musician was playing, the power of the Lord came on him" (II Kings 3:15b)