“Be Like This…”
Lessons From Great Women Of The Bible

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• In Modern Life We Face The Pull Of Culture To “Be Like This”… “Do Things Like This”

• **Ordinary People** Find Themselves Competing With Perfect People They *Can’t Measure Up* To
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• There Are **Principles** For All Of Us To **Emulate** And **Imitate**

• These Lessons Are **Attainable** For Us **In And Thru** The **Power Of The Holy Sprit**
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**LESSON #1 – DEBORAH – BE AVAILABLE TO GOD**

When You Are Available To God -- He Can Use You

**Deborah’s Relationship With God** Allowed Her To:

- Be A **Prophetess** Who Heard From The Lord
- Become A **Great Leader**
- Be **Willing And Available** To Be Used
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• God Chooses People With An Eye On Their Willingness & Availability

• God Chose Deborah Because She Was Faithful To The Gifting Of The Lord In Her Life
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• **LESSON #2 – MARY OF BETHANY -- BE A WORSHIPPER**

• **MARK 14:3 (NIV)** a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.
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• She Brought An Expensive Alabaster Perfume Jar
• Mary Is A True Worshipper
• Giving What Is Dear And Precious To Her
• She Is A Whole-Hearted Worshipper Of Christ
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• **Mark 14:3b (NIV)** She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head

• “She Was Signifying That She Was Ready To Give Up Everything, Even Marriage, In Order To Devote Herself Completely, Tenderly, Wholeheartedly To Him” — Jon Courson
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• She Was As Intense, Fervent, And Devoted In Worship

• Mary’s Willingness To Use Her Treasure – Puts Her In Place To Anoint The Lord For His Mission

• **KEY:** Be A Worshipper In Spirit And In Truth It Will Put You In A Place Where God Can And Will Use You
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• **LESSON #3- THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN**
• **TRUST – PRAY – AND BE “ALL IN”**

• Elisha Declares -- A Son Within A Year
• The Woman Has A Son
• The Boy Suddenly Became Very Sick
• The Boy Dies
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• There Are Times When The Vision That God Gives Us Dies.
• Great Moms (& Dads) Have Great Plans For Their Kids.
• She Had Aspirations For Her Son
• In A Moment It All Came Crashing Down
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• The Woman Laid Her Son On Elisha's Bed

• It Is All About What God Can Do

• God Who Gives Life -- Can Surely Restore Life
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• She Said: “I'm Going To Go And See The Prophet”

• There Must Be Something That God Can Do
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Three Questions From Elisha
1. Are You All Right?
2. Is Your Husband Alright?
3. Is Your Child, Alright?

• She Said, “Everything Is All Right” “It Is Well”
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• We Can Always Say “It Is Well” As Long As God Is Still In The Picture

• It's Not Over Until God Says That It's Over
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• Desperate Times Call For Desperate Measures
• These Are Times For Concentrated Prayer
• These Are Times For Breakthrough Prayer

• We Need To Be Like Her And Choose To Ignore The Initial Reports -- And See A Breakthrough
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• Elisha Is An Old Testament Symbol Of Jesus

• The Presence, Power, And Breath Of The Lord Can Bring Life To People Who Are Lifeless
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**IN THE MIDST OF A CRISIS.**

• How You Pray And What You Do Reveals What You Really Believe About God

• *When Prayer Is Your Only Option -- You're In An Excellent Position To See God Move*

• The Most Effective Prayers That We Can Pray Stem From The Certainty That God Is Absolutely In Control
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This Woman's Great Lessons For Us:

1. Do Not Panic -- Continue To Trust God
2. Put Yourself In The Place Of Faith
3. Accept Nothing Less Than God's Best
4. Find Refuge In God's Presence
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Crisis Situations Remind Us -- We Need God!

• The Boy Sneezed Seven Times -- He Opened His Eyes, And He Was Alive Again

• When Her Answer Came, She Gave Glory To God Falling At Elisha's Feet She Acknowledged God's Power And Grace.
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• Deborah – Be Available To God

• Mary of Bethany -- Be A Worshipper

• Shunammite Woman -- Trust – Pray – Be “All In”
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Don’t Miss This: We Need The Presence, Power And Breath Of Life That Comes From The Lord

• He Can Change People
• He Can Change Situation's
• He Can Change Circumstances
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• It's Time To Disregard The Initial Report
• He Is A Miracle Working God
• One Touch From The Master Changes Situations
• He Can Breathes Life And Creates From Nothing