



## Disappointment of Expectations

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Q—Do you ever live in the  
“meantime?”

Sermon in a Sentence: True faith is forged in the “meantime.”

Today's Text: 2 Kings 4:8-37

Q—Have you ever had a dream die?

Bring meaning to the “mean times:”

- ⇒ God's plans are \_\_\_\_\_ radically different than ours.
- ⇒ God's promises can feel delayed but they are \_\_\_\_\_ dead.

*For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ ...*  
2 Corinthians 1:20a (NIV)

- ⇒ God's perspective is \_\_\_\_\_ beyond our vantage point.

Closing Question: What is the disappointing situation in your life right now that seems dead and has you feeling defeated?



## Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

**Theme:** *Redefining Disappointment*

**Warm Up:** Who do you know that is wonderful at hospitality? How do they express being great hosts and how do you feel after you are with them?

**Sermon Response:** What impacted you most from Sunday's message?

**Read Together:** 2 Kings 4:8-37

Discuss:

- What strikes you as interesting about the relationship between Elisha and the Shunammite couple?
- What were Elisha's intentions in promising them a son? What do you think he felt when heard the news that the boy died?
- Why would God do such a thing as giving the woman a son, only for him to die so young? How was God showing himself through this gut-wrenching story?
- When has it seemed that God has given something you desired yet removed it quickly from your life? What was He teaching you?
- Many people pray fervently for a loved one to get well but they pass away anyway. How does prayer really matter as it relates with God's greater plan or eternal perspective?
- When have you felt all hope was lost in a situation of life, but God eventually brought a "resurrection"?
- What does this story teach you about dealing with disappointment as it relates with God's perspective?
- In what area of your life are you living in the "meantime" between God's promises and Him bringing fulfillment, that you could use prayer for?

Prayer: Take time to share the good things God is doing in your life and to pray for one another about the needs you have in your group/family.