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Often when God speaks to you, it is because he wants to work through you and delegating that work to others will not always accomplish the job. Take the story of Elisha and the Shunamite woman in 2 Kings 4. Her son became ill and suddenly died. She went to the prophet and told him of her trouble. With great concern, Elisha sent his staff in the hands of his servant to be laid upon the child and raise him from the dead. However, when Elisha's servant returned, he reported that the child was no different.

At this point, Elisha made the journey himself and laid his body upon the child's body, and God ultimately brought the child back to life. Why would this miracle not work for the one whom Elisha delegated? I don't know why, but I do know that: Sometimes things don't work because they just won't work for anyone else but you.

Prayer for Today

Heavenly father, I desire for You to speak to me and work through me by my own hand and by those I delegate to do Your work. Teach me to know which miracles I must keep my hand on and which ones I can hand off to others. Thank You Sir, amen.

Scriptures for Today

2 Kings 4:31-35 Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, "The child has not awakened." When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. (NKJV)