



Palm Sunday



FOLLOW
THE DONKEY
The Continuing Journey

The Road of Donkeys We've Been Riding



The Donkey of Perseverance

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

**It's what turns belief
into endurance**

**It's what moves faith from
a moment to a lifestyle**





The Shunammite Woman

Making Room for God 2 Kings 4:8-10

Elisha the prophet passes through Shunem and a well-to-do woman invites him to dinner

She tells her husband:

“Let’s build a small room for the man of God.”

Before any miracle ever came, she made room for God’s presence

She wasn’t asking for a blessing, she was simply being faithful

Perseverance starts in faithfulness before the storm, before the test



Making Room for God 2 Kings 4:8-10

**Sometimes we think perseverance begins in crisis,
but the reality is it often ends there, it begins in
consistency**

In small acts of devotion

In the quiet places of obedience

In simply making room for God to move

**Because when you make room for God,
you never know what He might do next**



A Promise She Never Asked For

Elisha wants to bless her.

2 Kings 4:11-17

“What can be done for you?”

She replies, “I have a home among my own people.”

She’s content, maybe because she’s learned to live without what she once wanted

And Elisha speaks the impossible:

“About this time next year, you will hold a son.”

She protests:

“No, my lord, don’t mislead your servant!”



A Promise She Never Asked For

Why? Because hope hurts 2 Kings 4:11-17

She'd buried that dream

She'd already learned to stop hoping

**Yet God resurrects the desire she'd buried, not to
tease her, but to show His power**

**And the Word comes true
she gives birth to a son**



When the Dream Dies 2 Kings 4:18-21

The child grows strong, healthy, and full of life

**He's carried home to his mother
and by noon, he dies in her arms**

The hope she didn't dare to have is gone

**The miracle she held
now lifeless in her lap**

Instead of falling apart, she acts in faith

“Saddle the donkey”



The Journey of Determination

Her husband asks, **“Why go today? It’s not the right time.”** **2 Kings 4:22-26**

But her answer is simple: **“It is well.”**

Not because it was, but
because she refused to give up



She tells her servant, **“Don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.”**

Perseverance is that spirit that says,
“We’re going all the way.”

Perseverance That's Honest

**She falls at the prophet's feet,
overwhelmed**

2 Kings 4:27-30

She cries out, "Did I ask you for a son? Didn't I say, 'Don't raise my hopes'?"

Perseverance isn't pretending you're okay

It's holding on when you're not okay

**It's being honest with God
and still refusing to let go**

**She says, "As surely as the Lord lives and
as you live, I will not leave you."**



The Reward of Perseverance

Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

2 Kings 4:31-37

The staff brings no life, it's just a piece of wood

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But Elisha arrives he enters the room and shuts the door, and there stands before death, it's just him, the child, and God

He stretches himself over the child, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands



The Reward of Perseverance

The body grows warm...
then the boy sneezes seven
times and opens his eyes

2 Kings 4:31-37

Elisha calls the woman, **“Take your son.”**

She falls to the ground in worship



That's what perseverance does, it
turns preparation into restoration, it
turns heartbreak into testimony and
it turns dead ends into divine
encounters



The Greater Perseverance

Jesus Walked the Same Path of Perseverance — Perfectly

He Made Room for God's Will

He Carried a Promise Through Pain

He Faced the Death of What
Seemed Like Hope

He Didn't Stop Halfway

He Was Honest in the Struggle: *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*



Why This Matters for Us

The Shunammite woman rode a donkey toward a miracle

Jesus rode a donkey toward a cross

But both stories declare the same truth:
If you don't stop... God isn't finished



Saddle Up! Because Easter Is Coming

Palm Sunday reminds us: The road may start with praise... It may pass through pain... but it does not end in death



Don't Giv Up... Saddle Up!



Don't Give Up... Saddle Up!

Because the same Jesus who rode into
Jerusalem...

Walked through the cross...

Walked out of the grave...

And is still meeting people
on the road who refuse to quit

**When life says STOP,
saddle the donkey**



**Because the road you're on
may feel like the cross of
Good Friday, but if you keep
riding with Jesus, resurrection
Sunday is coming.**

