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SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

There’s an old story about a woman in Shunem. Elisha the prophet would pass through her town on his way to Mount Carmel. One day she tells her husband, “Let’s make a small room on the roof. Put a bed, a table, a lamp. So when the man of God comes, he’ll have a place to rest.” She didn’t ask him to preach. She didn’t ask him to fix anything. She just made room.

Jesus takes that same image and pushes it further in today’s Gospel: “Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... will not lose his reward.” He’s not talking about building projects. He’s talking about noticing. About making space. About seeing Christ in the tired prophet, the thirsty stranger, the overlooked child.

We want big signs that we’re faithful. But Jesus keeps pointing us to small rooms. A chair pulled out at dinner. A text sent to someone who’s gone quiet. Ten minutes after Mass to listen instead of rushing to the car.

The Shunammite woman didn’t know she was preparing for a miracle. She just knew hospitality was the right thing to do. Years later, when her son died, that same prophet she housed came running to raise him.

Maybe your “room on the roof” this week is smaller than you think. Maybe it’s just making space. For God. For each other. For the little ones Jesus said He’s hiding in.

He’ll show up. He always does.

Have a Blessed week!

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