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Prayer & Fasting Journal Giving God 40 Days

October 11, 2022 to November 20, 2022

DAY 40: SPEAK LIFE ` SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 2:21-22 "... Thus says the Lord, I have made this water wholesome; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it. So the water has been wholesome to this day according to the word that Elisha spoke." Amen.

REFLECTIONS:

We leave you with a miracle on this 40th day of our journey. God reveals Elisha's power to perform miracles early as the successor of Elijah.

The people approached Elisha with an environmental justice issue. The water in their city is toxic. They explained to Elisha it causes miscarriages in their women and death to many. The toxicity of the water will not allow the land to yield any fruit. Elisha spoke cleansing, healing and life over that source of water. It is through Elisha that God cleansed the water and it was no longer a source of death and bereavement for that city.

Walk out of this journey speaking life. Death and bereavement over issues of life will not be the new normal for us. You know why we have to speak life and why we must reject death and bereavement over issues of life as our new normal? It is because that which God has impregnated in us must be birthed.

Life has been impregnated in each and every one of us. God will not allow the enemy to abort it. God has set our period of gestation. The beauty of our gestation period is that it not contingent upon any calendar or man. It is for the appointed time ordained by God. If you need a point of reference for a gestation period, look at Elijha and Elisha. God did not separate and transition Elijah until God deemed the umbilical cord can be cut and Elisha is ready to be birthed into position.

Once God births us into position he continues to nurture us and sustain us with the source of life. Our source is the living water. Because we believe in God, and trust God for his word out of our bellies flow rivers of living waters to sustain life. So Speak life. Speak life over your pain. Speak life over your disappointments. Speak

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life over illness. Speak life over your family. Speak life over your life. SPEAK LIFE.

LET US PRAY: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (*Ephesians 3:21*)



On behalf of Rev. Dr. Charles J. Southall, III, Pastor of First Emanuel Baptist Church, New Orleans and Baton Rouge and the First Emanuel family, thank you for joining us during this season of prayer and fasting! We bless God for you. May God be with each and every one of you until we meet again.

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts 20:32 NRSV)

I am, Min. Sandra Cabrina Jenkins

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