

A Great Woman

We have some great women in our church,
second to none, but we want more, and
we want our girls to become such.

Psalm 144:12 cp Isaiah 3:16-24

We want our girls and women to know
that they can choose to be great in the
sight of the Lord and of all others.

Proverbs 11:16; 31:30; Matthew 26:13

We want our girls and women to know there are heroines in the Bible, not just heroes, and they can follow their lives.

Romans 16:1-2; Hebrews 11:11; James 2:25; I Peter 3:5-6

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The Great Woman of Shunem



This exceptional woman does not have a name in the Bible; she is known by her city, like Jesus was known as a Nazarene.



the Shunammite
WOMAN
2 Kings 4:8-37

In our King James Bibles:

Shunammite ≠ Shulamite

Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies.

Song of Solomon 6:13

Abishag was also from Shunem, but contrary to commentators who try to make them sisters, she lived 120 years before the great woman of Shunem.

I Kings 1:3,15; 2:17,21-22

Do not be distracted by folly, but rather focus on this exceptional woman who lived in the time of Elisha the prophet.



The Shunammite
WOMAN
2 Kings 4:8-37

Great Women You Already Know

SARAH

REBEKAH

JOCHEBED

HANNAH

ESTHER

ELISABETH

MARY

MARY MAGDALENE

PHEBE

PRISCILLA

What do all those women
have in common?

You know their names.

God did not give us the name of the great woman we want to learn about tonight.

Sarah & Jochebed made the Hall of Faith.

But so did the great woman of Shunem!



And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

II Kings 4:8

- God rules all coincidences. Nothing ever falls without Him, not even a sparrow.
- Elisha was the successor to Elijah, the great prophet. Elisha had twice his spirit.
- Shunem was a city in Issachar not far from Jezreel, Gilboa, Nain, and Nazareth.
- Shunem was the city of beautiful Abishag, the presumed beautiful Shulamite.
- Shunammite is used for both women (II Kgs 4:12; I Kgs 1:3) ... modified to Shulamite?

ISRAEL

IN THE TIME OF ELISHA

Mount Carmel

Shunem

Lake Galilee

River Jordan



Elisha

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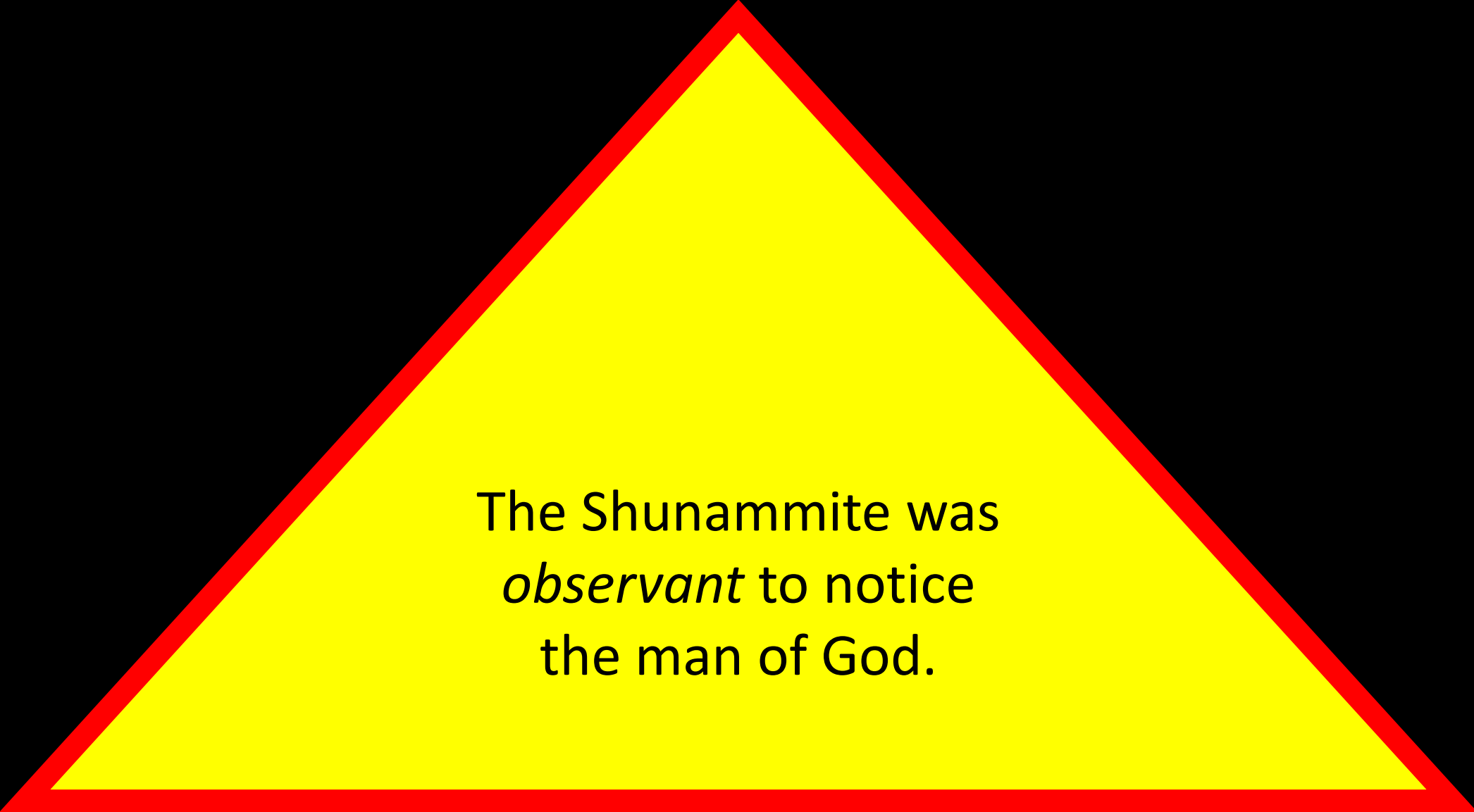
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When describing two different women, one a wife of Solomon and the other in Elisha's time.

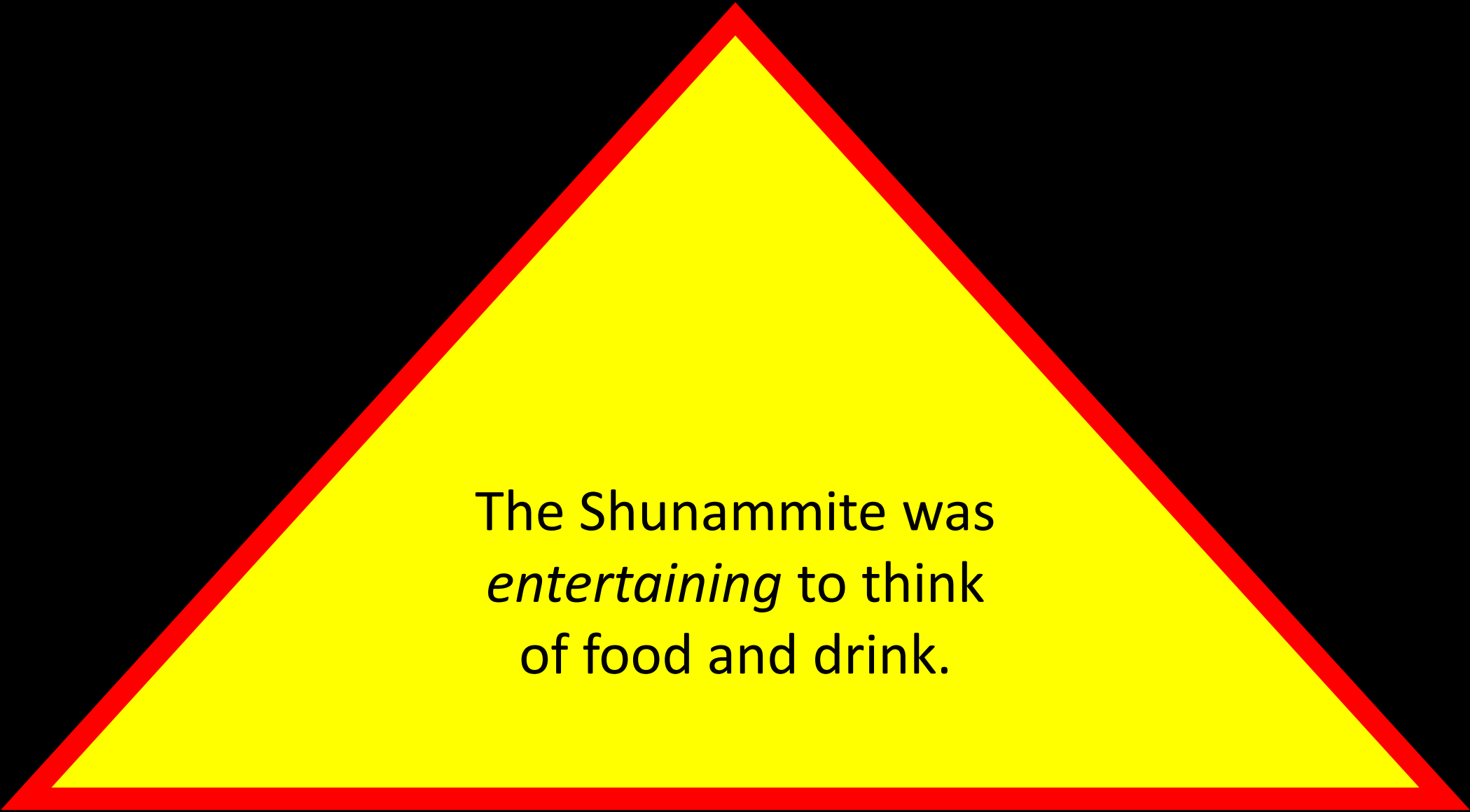
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- Foolish commentators make them sisters, though over 120 years between them.
- The Bible uses the adjective *great* for wealth for Abraham, Nabal, Barzillai, Job.
- It also uses *great* for reputation of character and conduct e.g. Abner, Naaman.
- This honorable, noble, wealthy woman forced the reluctant Elisha to eat there.
- She convinced him of standing hospitality, so he visited when he was in town.



The Shunammite was
observant to notice
the man of God.



The Shunammite was
entertaining to think
of food and drink.



The Shunammite was
bold to press him to
accept hospitality.


Lydia was also bold to press the apostle Paul and his entourage to stay with her.

And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.


Acts 16:15

To be able to entertain strangers you need
a clean, comfortable house at all times.

To be able to entertain strangers you need
to spend less than you make for extra.



The Shunammite was
committed to keep
up her hospitality.



The Shunammite was
selfless to entertain
by his schedule.

Wise women know a hot and fresh meal is
a very comforting kindness and pleasure.

It has been said, with limited profit, that
the fastest way to a man's heart
is through his stomach.

Consider how Solomon by the Holy Ghost
commended wisdom by Lady Wisdom
offering great entertainment.

1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

3 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

Proverbs 9:1-5

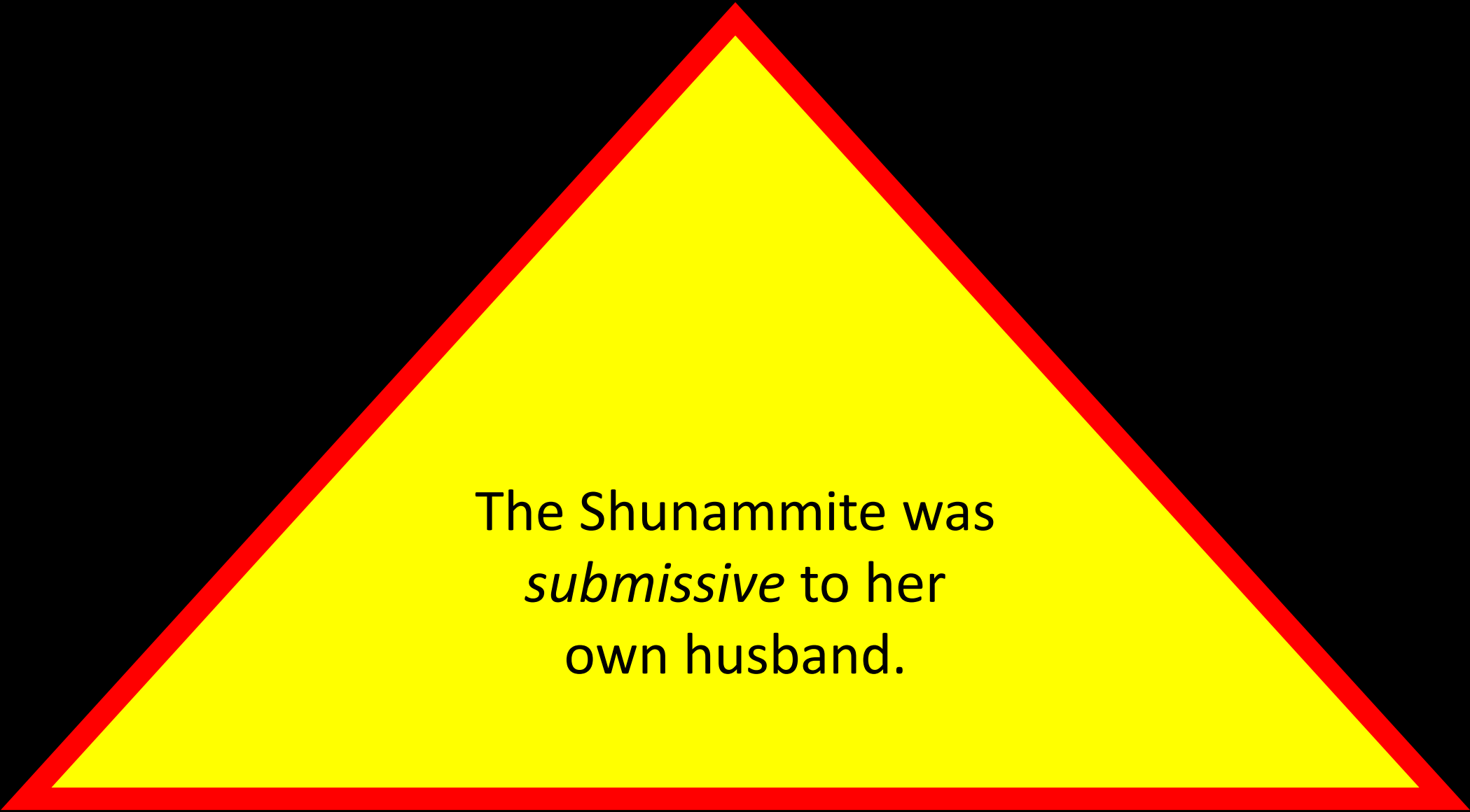
A wise man will allow and encourage his wife in ideas and choices of hospitality and entertainment to obey God.




And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

II Kings 4:9


- This great woman submitted her plans and request to her husband (Pr 31:11,31).
- Though a woman, she was not so intimidated she could not explain or persuade.
- She was perceptive that hosting the man of God could be rewarding (Matt 10:41).
- She was not content to settle for the minimum or for only ordinary hospitality.
- She was observant to recognize that his frequent travels justified frequent stays.



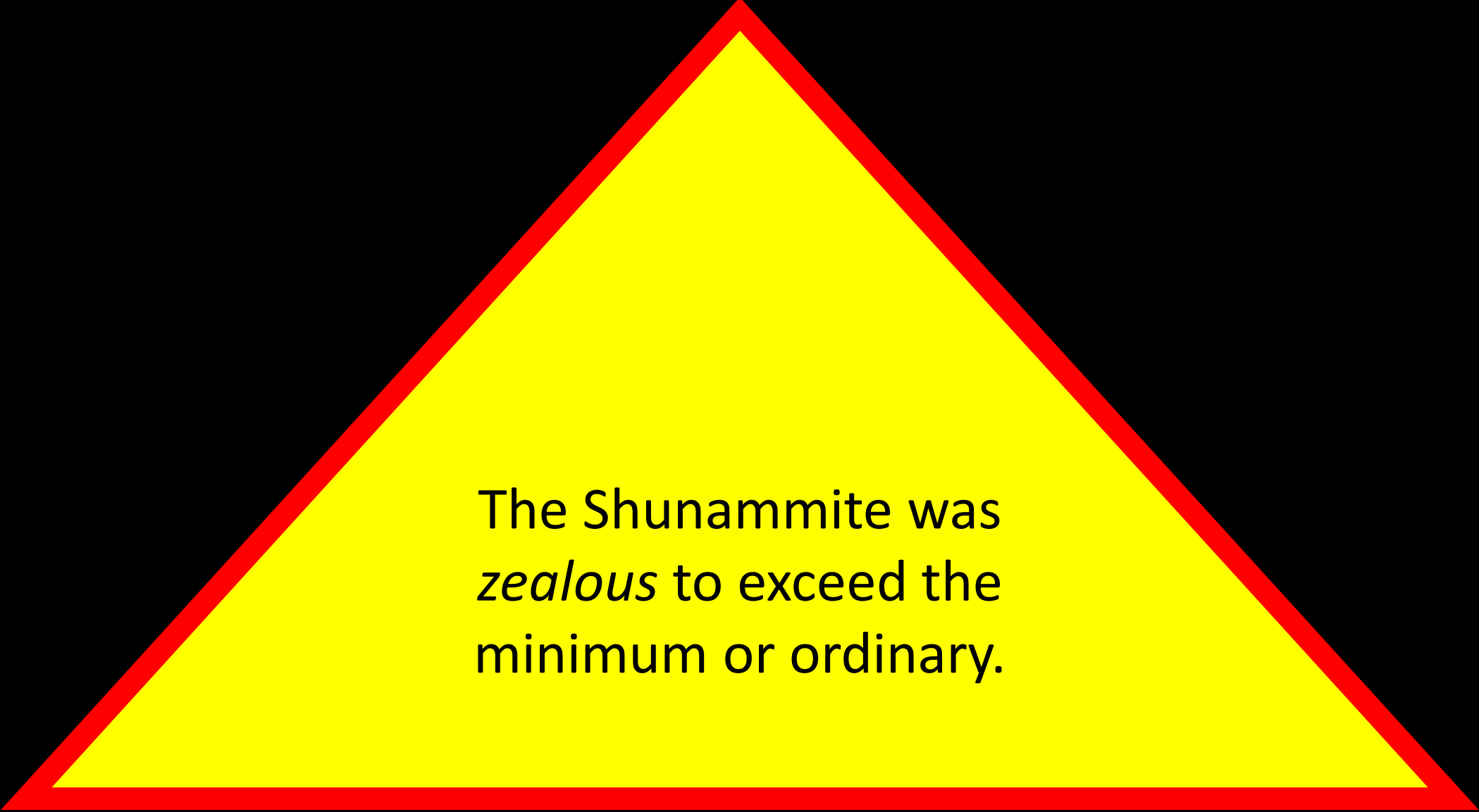
The Shunammite was
submissive to her
own husband.




The Shunammite was
confident to appeal
to her husband.



The Shunammite was
aware of blessing
for hospitality.



The Shunammite was
zealous to exceed the
minimum or ordinary.

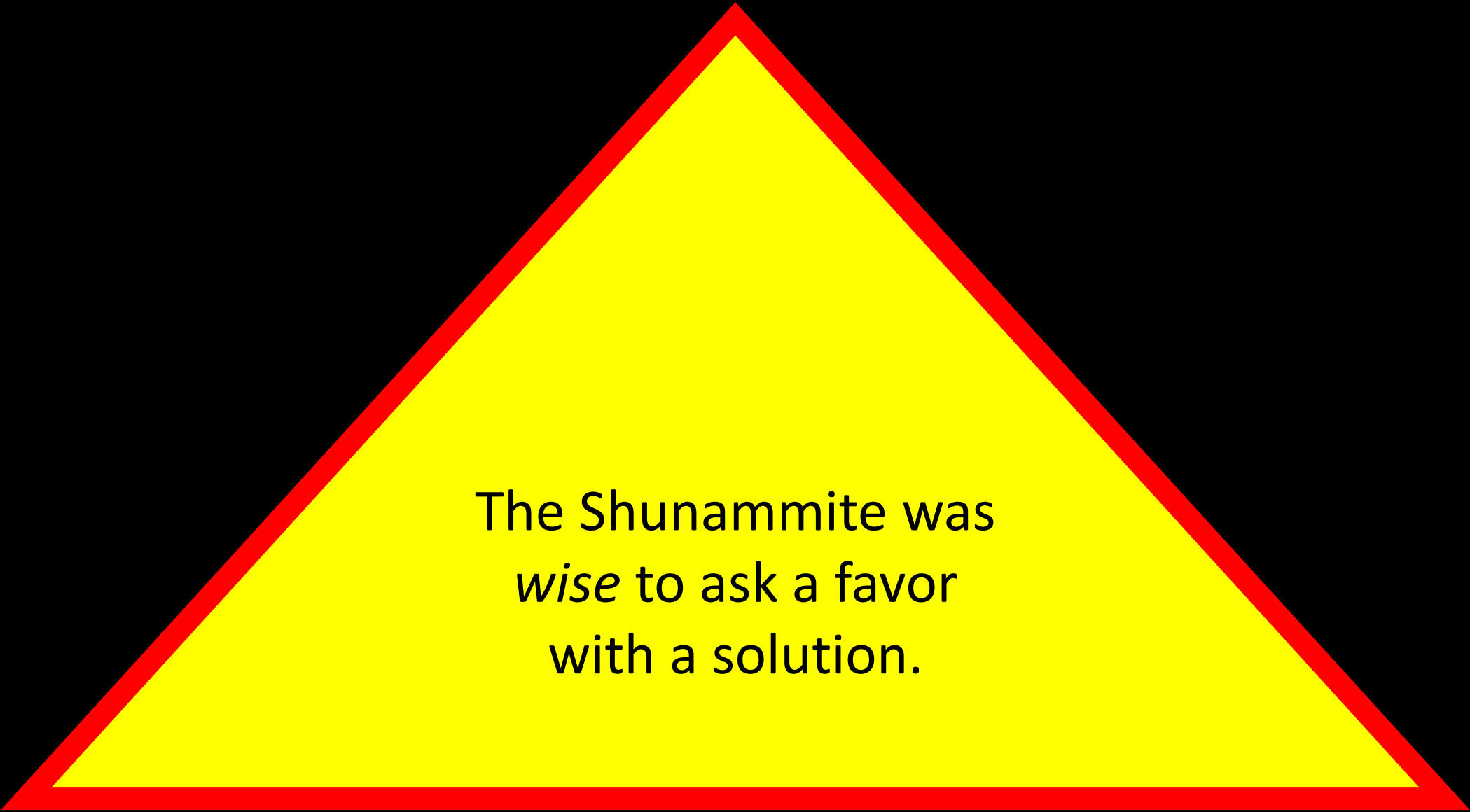


The Shunammite was
practical to identify
logistical needs.


Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

II Kings 4:10


- She asked her husband for specific permission with the details worked out.
- She kept things simple; she did not overspend or overcomplicate the matter.
- She thoughtfully considered what the man of God would need in his room.
- She did not get any grandiose ideas beyond his ordinary and regular travel.
- She did not ask Elisha to alter anything ... simply use her place for refreshment.




The Shunammite was
wise to ask a favor
with a solution.



The Shunammite was
prudent to ask for
a modest cost.



The Shunammite was
considerate to think
of Elisha's needs.




The Shunammite was
reserved to not
alter his plans.

Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

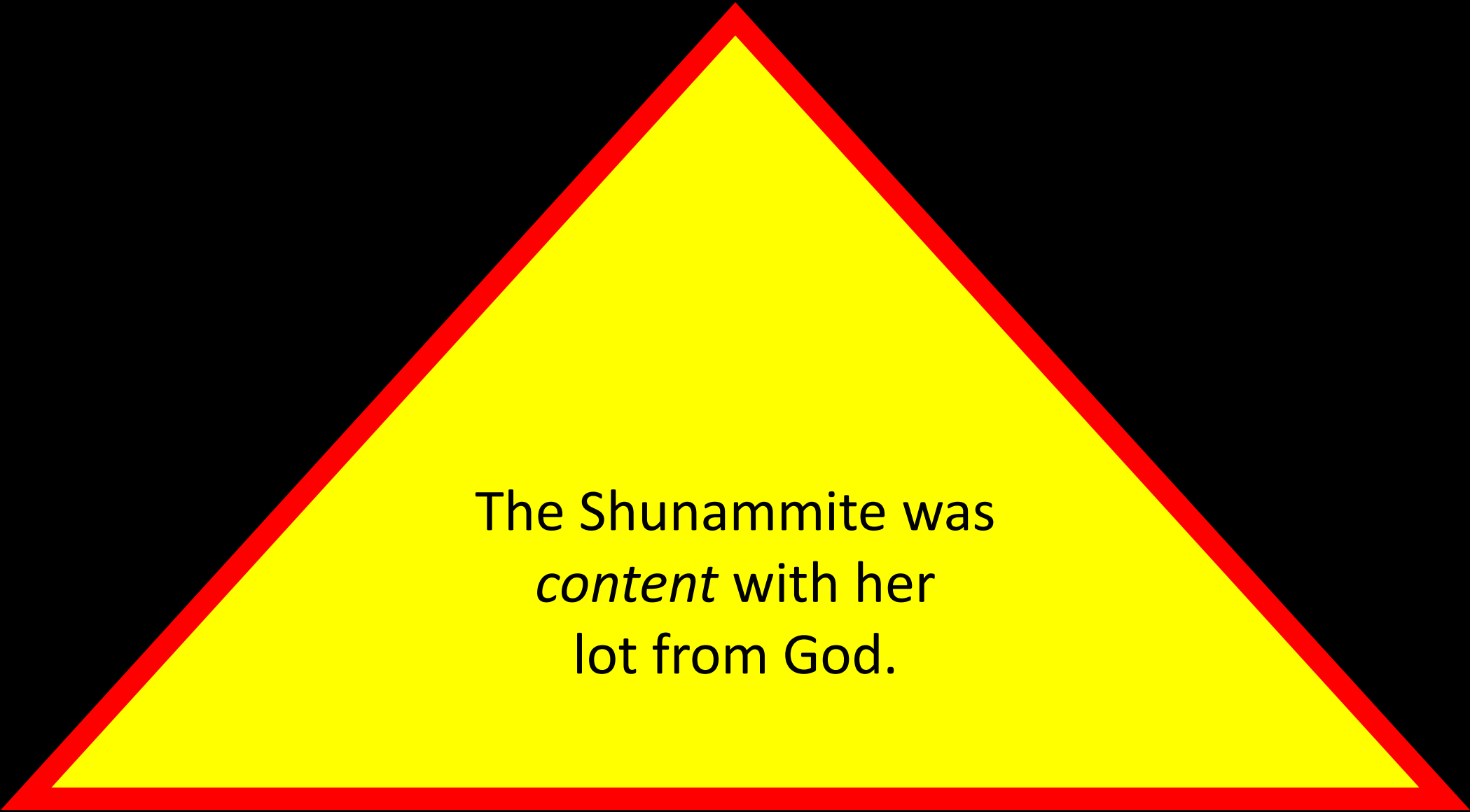
II Kings 4:13

- She had won God's heart and Elisha's, and both sought to reward her very well.
- He offered to speak for her to the king or to the captain of the host for a favor.
- She was fully content with her peaceful situation living with family and friends.
- She had a desire and need, but she did bring it up to others or whine about it.




The Shunammite was
zealous in her care
for the kingdom.

Her hospitality to Elisha, a great thing in the eyes of God and him, had both of them on her side for great goodness.



The Shunammite was
content with her
lot from God.

A fast and wise way to a blessing and/or reversal of fortune is not crying or even praying, but contentment and submission to God for what you already have.



The Shunammite was
patient to wait for a
favor from heaven.

Contentment is the greatest equalizer
and elixir of life, and it is within the
reach of every man and woman.

“The greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.”

Martha Washington

A woman that complains or talks about what she does not have will be despised by God and men as a foolish, spoiled child.

God knows a good woman's heart and life
better than she does, and He will give
her the desires of her heart.

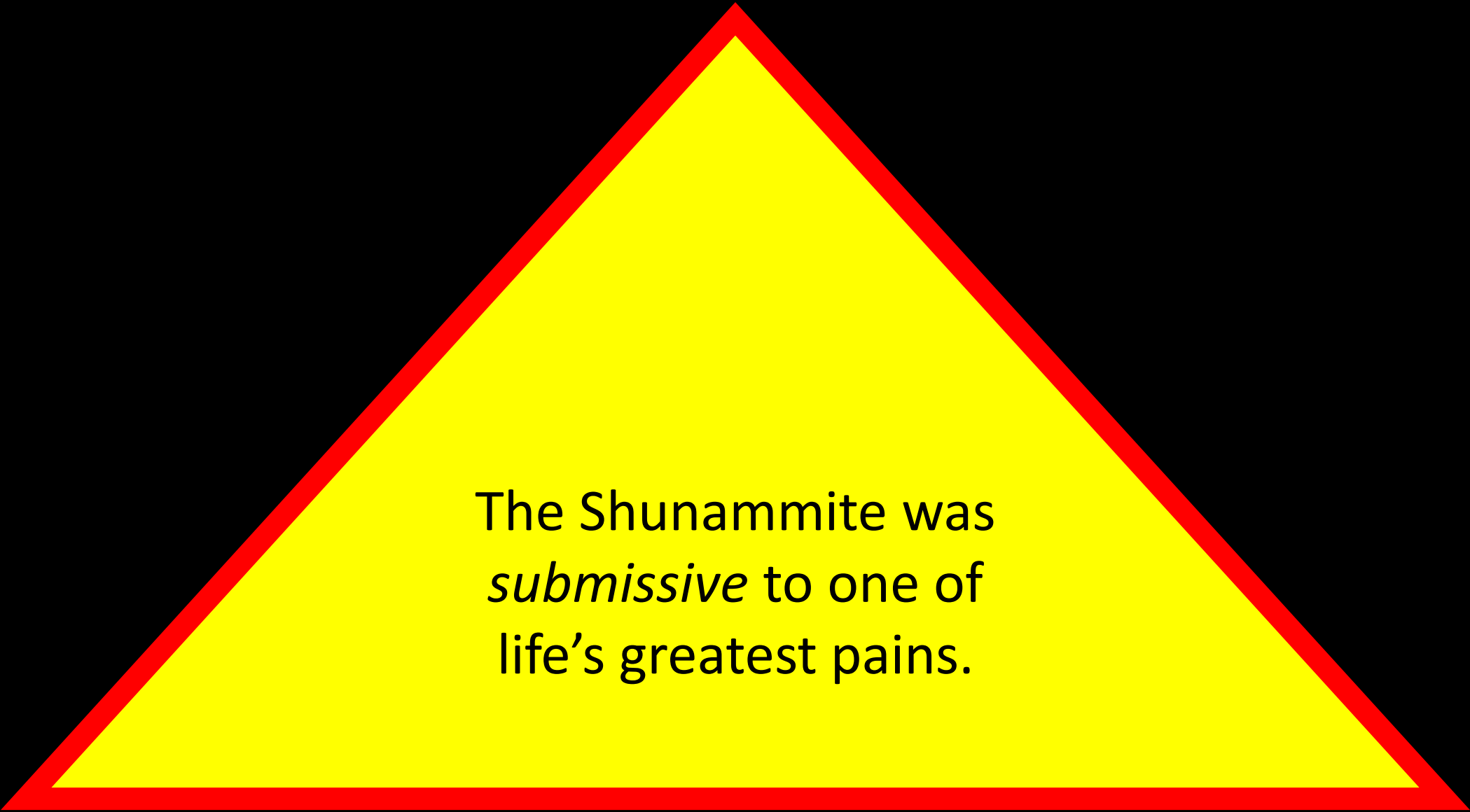
Psalm 37:4



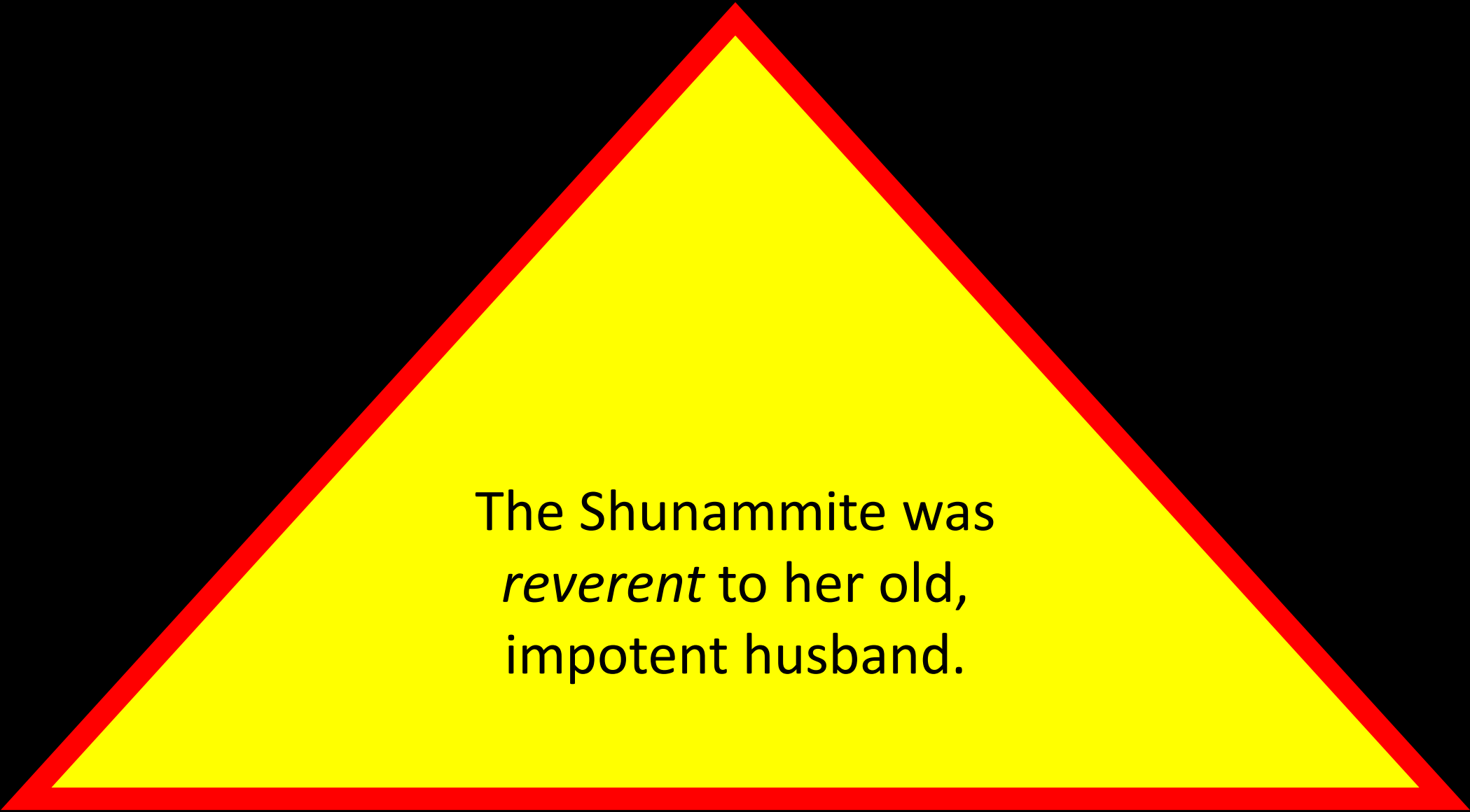
And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

II Kings 4:14

- God expects contentment and requires it ... but He also rewards it. Glory!
- Godly men like Elisha do not settle for contentment. They still want to reward.
- Gehazi was a good servant of God, Elisha, and the woman with his observation.
- This young woman in childbearing years was married to a man too old to father.
- You will not find any resentment from her for her husband's age or impotence.



The Shunammite was
submissive to one of
life's greatest pains.



The Shunammite was
reverent to her old,
impotent husband.


Our God and Father, Jehovah, knows what
we need before we even ask Him.

Matthew 6:7-8


And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

II Kings 4:16


- Within a year, by the time of gestation – or nine months, she would have a son.
- Not only would she have a son, but Elisha described her embracing her son.
- Her first response was unbelief. Think Abraham, Sarah, and our Lord's apostles.
- She did not laugh or mock Elisha like others. She could not believe his words.



God knows you best, so
trust Him to bless
you perfectly.



The Shunammite was
not careful in her
greatest desire.




The Shunammite was
humble to not think
she deserved a son.

18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

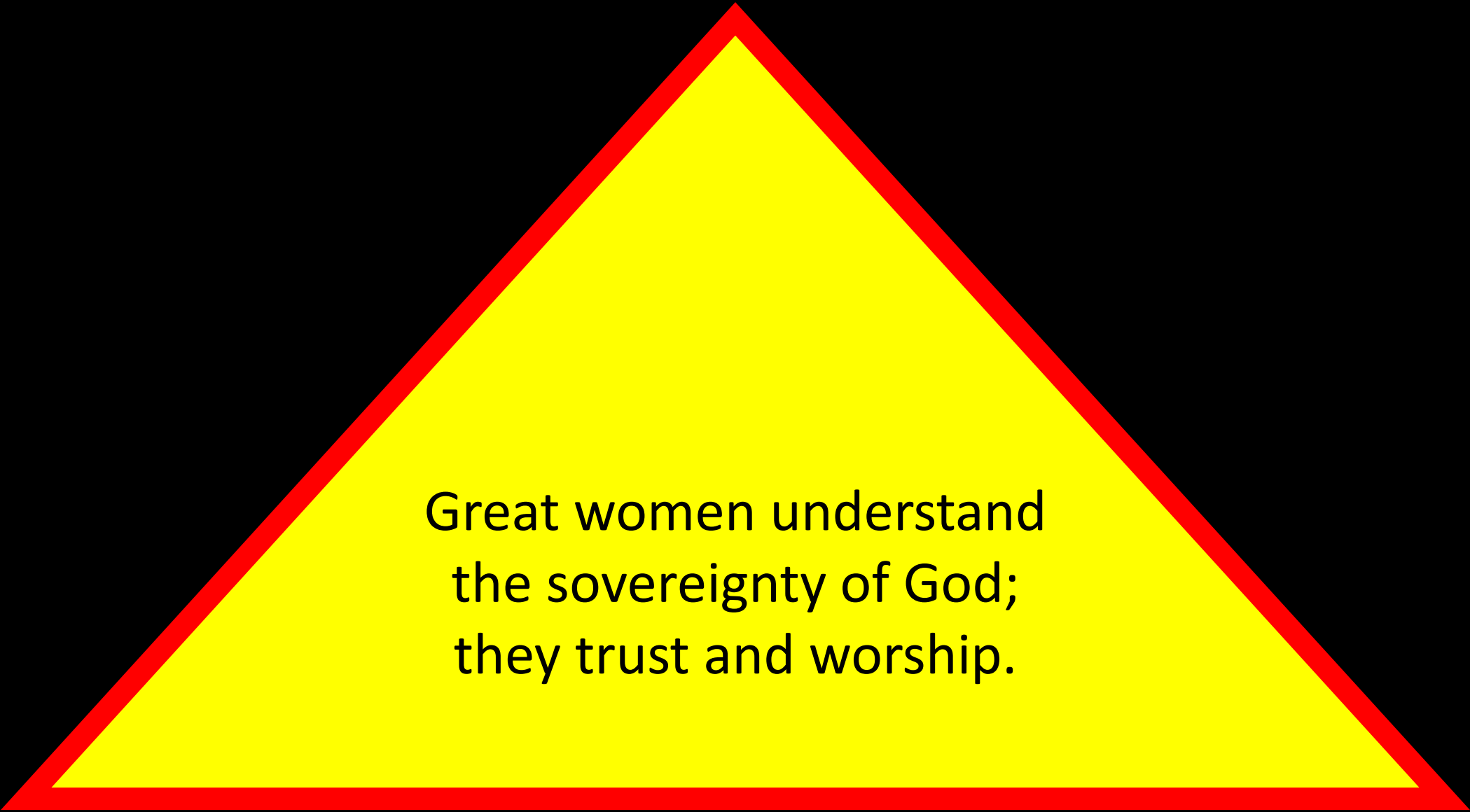
19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

II Kings 4:18-19

- What ... *It fell on a day?* God in His providence brought an evil event to pass.
- He had a brain aneurism or other fatal event while in the field with his father.
- His father had a lad carry him back to his doting mother ... maybe a headache?
- The father was busy with reapers, and sometimes dads cannot come running.



God gives and takes away
for His glory and our profit,
if we respond properly.



Great women understand
the sovereignty of God;
they trust and worship.

God is able to accomplish countless things
important to Him by such an event,
including a trial of her faith,
which she crushed!


20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

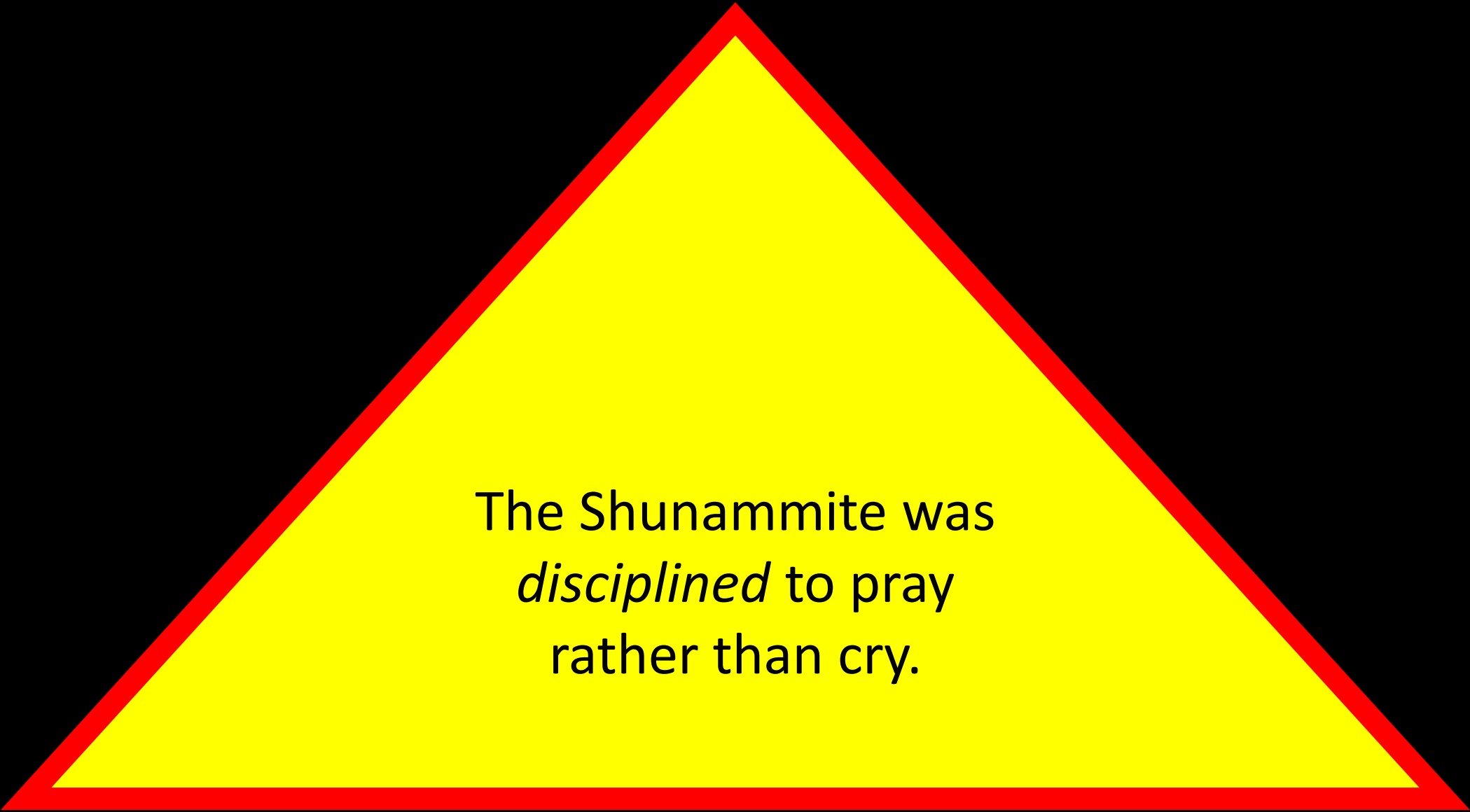
II Kings 4:20-21

- The great woman of Shunem – now a mother – held her son until he died.
- She did all she could by holding him, and then she progressed from A to B to C.
- She knew how she got her son – Elisha and God – so she put her son on his bed.
- She knew the source of her blessing ... and she intended to pursue that source.

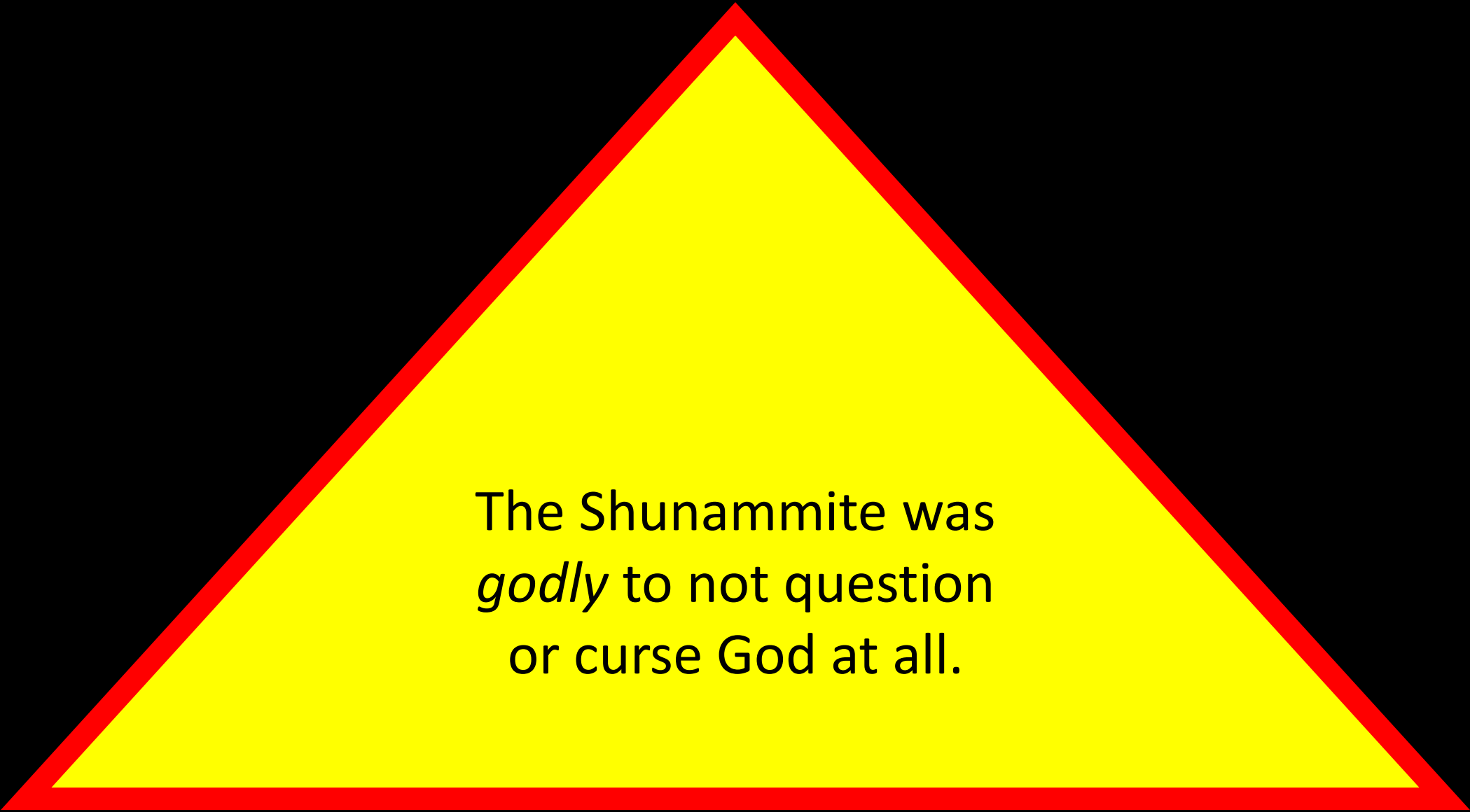




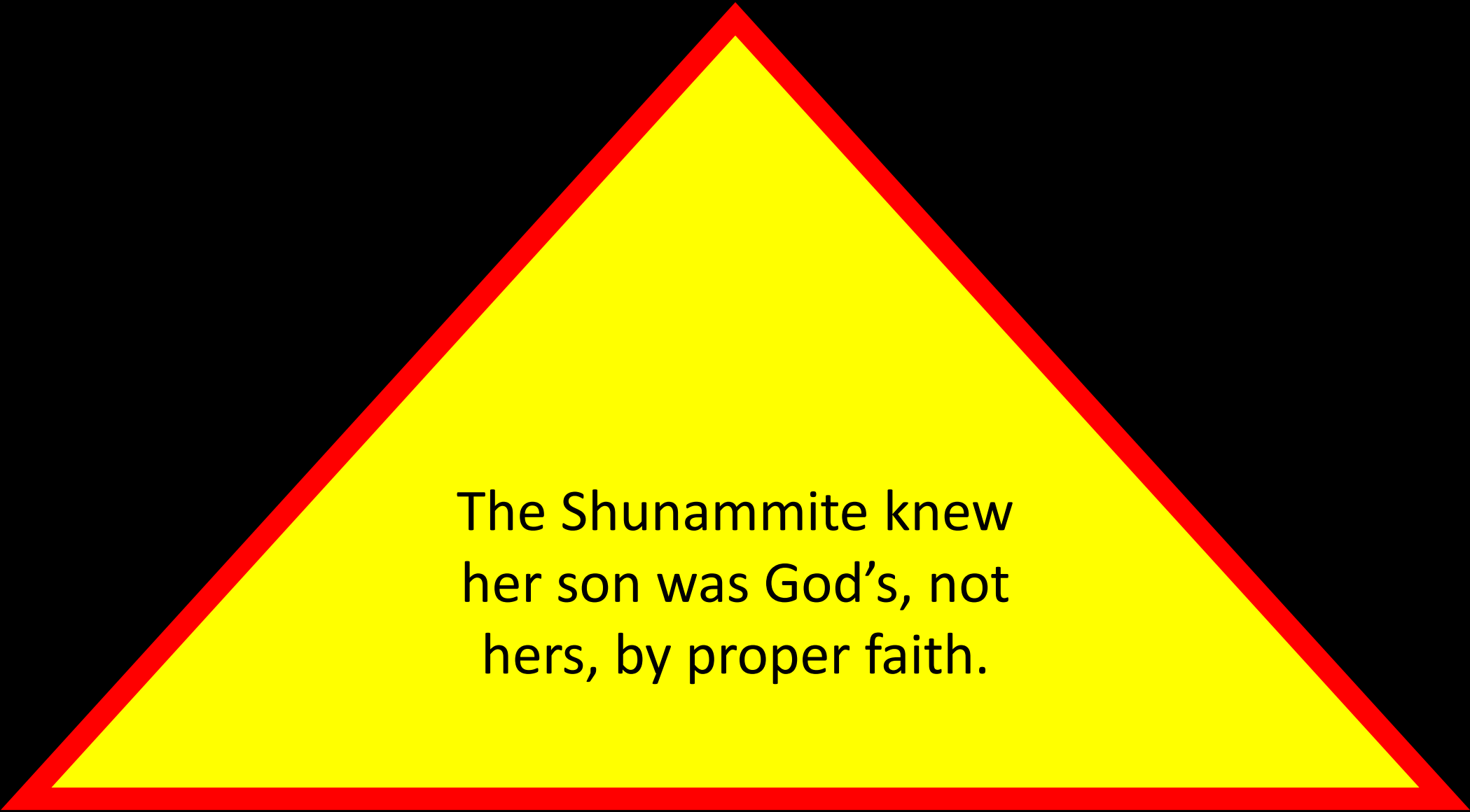
Great women do not sit idly
by like fatalists; they do
anything they can do.



The Shunammite was
disciplined to pray
rather than cry.



The Shunammite was
godly to not question
or curse God at all.



The Shunammite knew
her son was God's, not
hers, by proper faith.

It is a shame when women get bent out of shape about children, when they are a gift from God that they neither deserve nor know how to care for as they should.

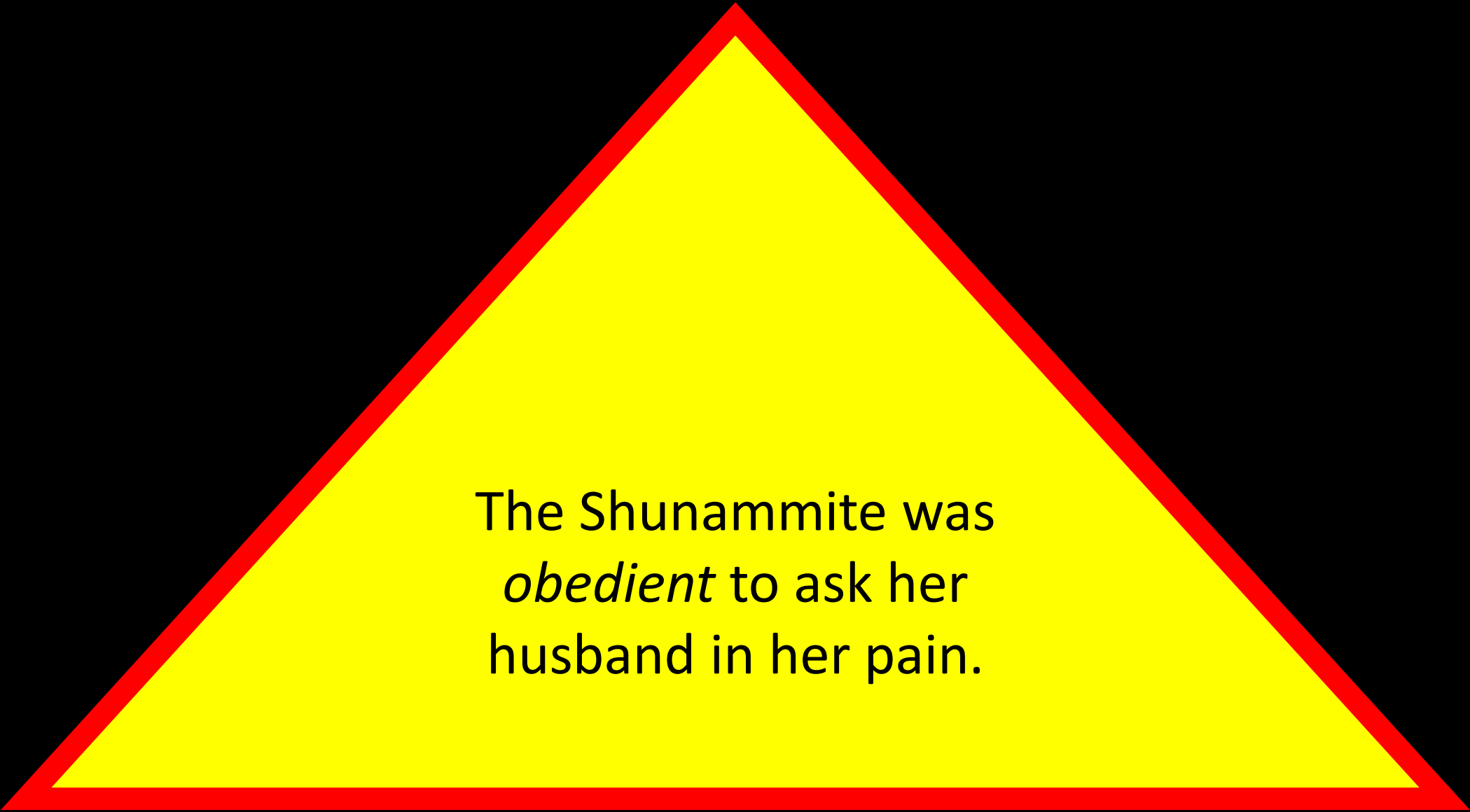
A woman that does not keep in mind that her children are the Lord's will most surely have her heart pierced in the future.

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.


23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

II Kings 4:22-23

- She knew the source of her blessing, and she intended to pursue that source.
- Though grief-stricken with a painful plan, she asked her husband for liberty.
- She explained there was a good reason; he trusted her like the virtuous woman.




The Shunammite was
obedient to ask her
husband in her pain.



A great woman earns the
trust of her husband by
perfect conduct.

Proverbs 31:12

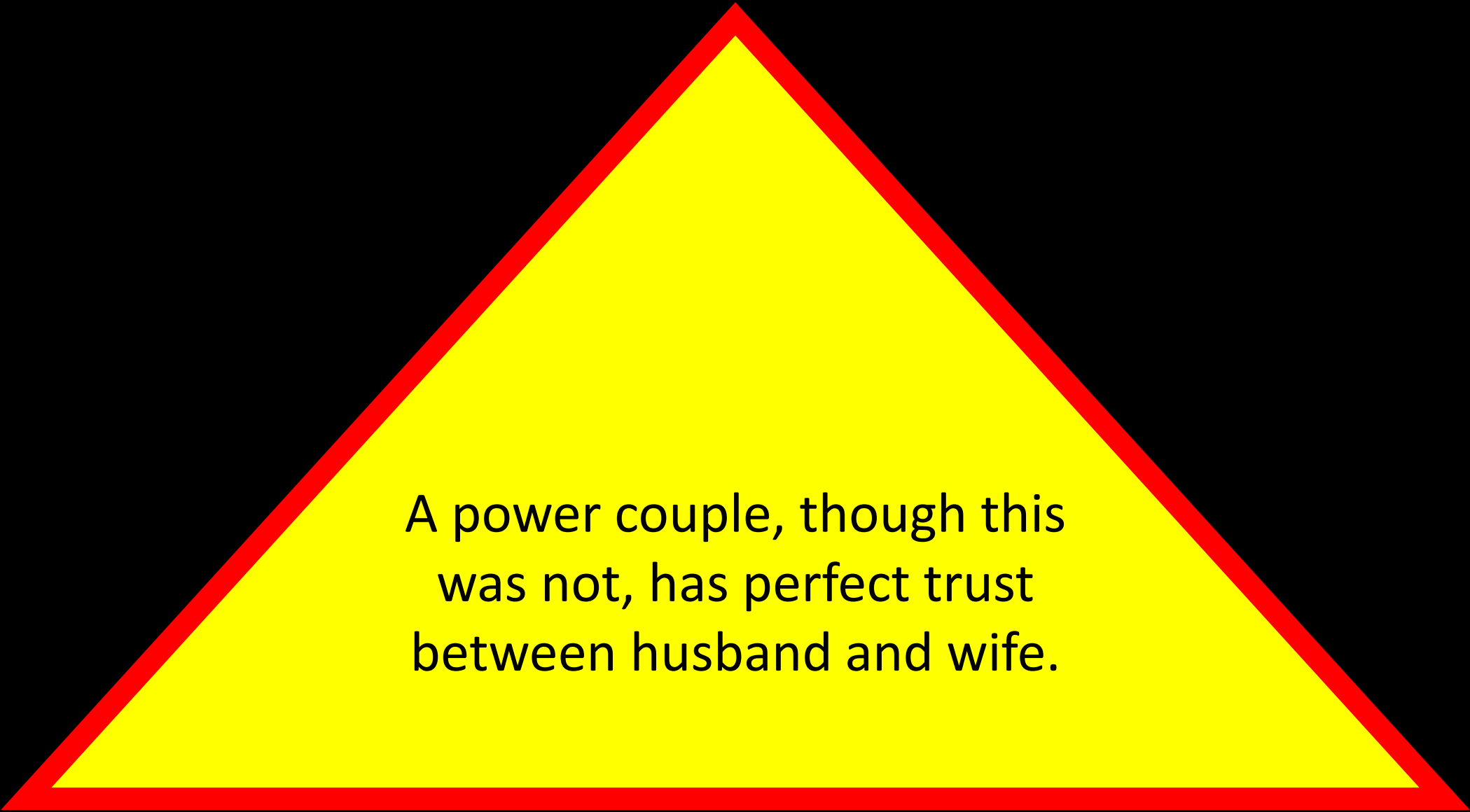


A good husband trusts
such a wife and does
not ask for details.


Proverbs 31:11

A cruel husband denies his wife her plans
for his own selfish ideas of goodness,
though he would resent his
boss doing it to him.

An over-thinking or overly critical husband cuts his family short in many ways, by denying God's wisdom in the contribution of a wife.



A power couple, though this
was not, has perfect trust
between husband and wife.



Fathers should only approve
a man that will trust their
daughter without details.


The control and possessiveness of some men is their warning they are immature and selfish and will hurt a good wife.

No girl should be trusted to be a good wife without great love of God and consistent service to others over time and humble, selfless neglect of her own life.


Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.

II Kings 4:24

- Look at her zeal. She did something about her situation rather than just cry.
- She certainly did not blame God. She did not get bitter or resentful of Him.
- She knew the source of power and life, and she would not slack in pursuing it.
- She did not care about comfort; she had no advisors; she could figure this out.
- She could order servants and did not cringe to do it, pushing him to great speed.



When a great woman knows
what she should do, she
does it with great zeal.



A great woman is never
amazed, not even with
the death of a child.

1 Peter 3:5-6

So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

II Kings 4:25


- She went straight to the man of God at mount Carmel ... about a 20-mile ride.
- God revealed to Elisha who it was, though God did not reveal everything to him.
- Others may miss many things about you, but God knows the hairs on your head.
- When you go to God, you have the best possibilities and then some for a need.

Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.

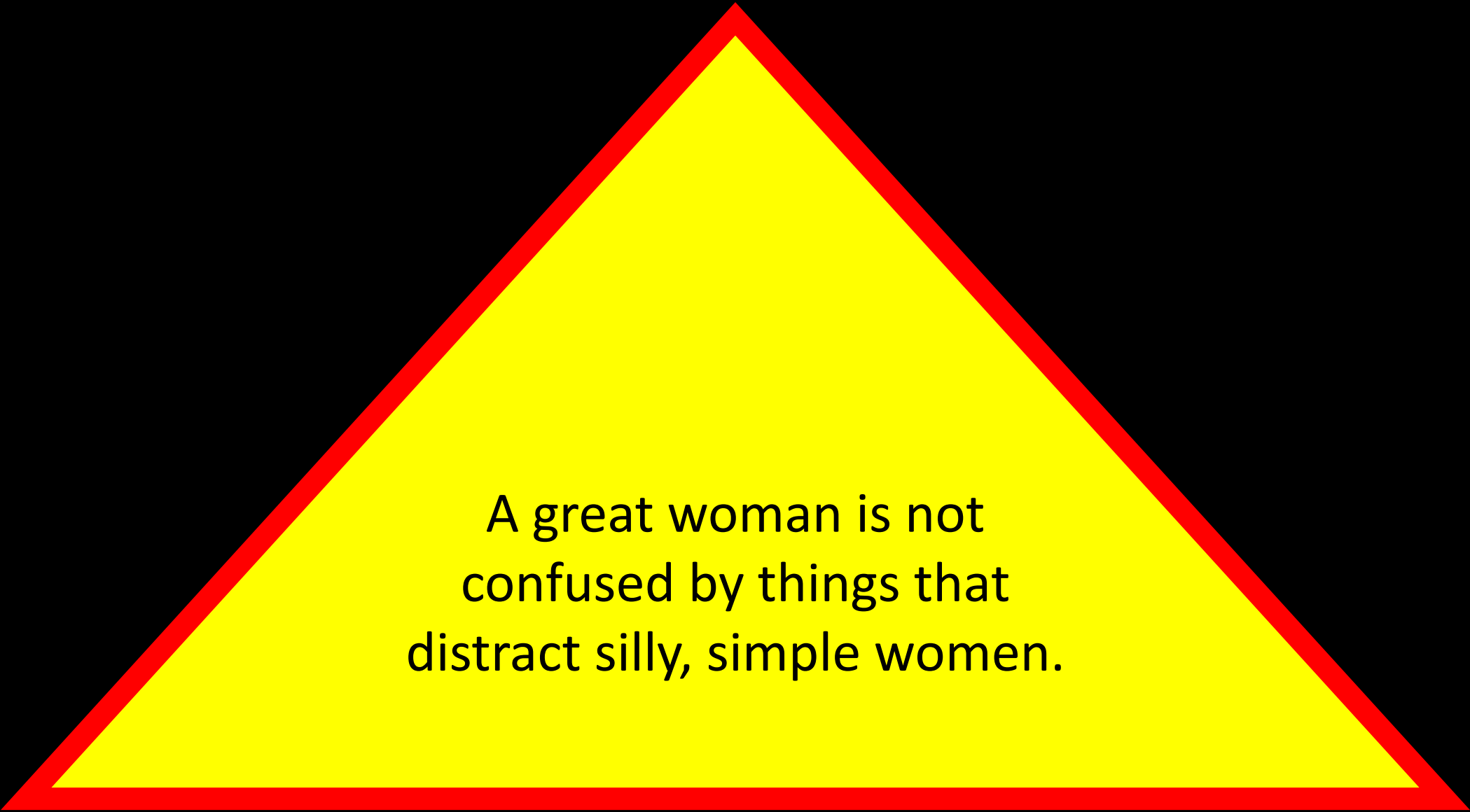
II Kings 4:26

- Elisha sent Gehazi to inquire about her, about her husband, and about her son.
- She lied to Gehazi that all was well, because he could not help her in this matter.
- She needed the man of God, and she would tell him and show him the full truth.
- A wise woman does not get confused or troubled by such simple ethical choices.





A great woman understands
ethics and knows what is
allowed and what is sin.



A great woman is not
confused by things that
distract silly, simple women.

A great woman would look
past Philip like the Greeks:
Sir, we would see Jesus.

A great woman knows examples of Joseph with his brethren, Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and Abigail with Nabal.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

Genesis 42:7-8


28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

Luke 24:28-29

And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

I Samuel 25:19




A great woman is perfectly
honest in all matters of fact
for trust or for need.


And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

II Kings 4:27

- The Shunammite did not care about Gehazi; she had her priorities right – Elisha.
- She did not worry about decorum or details – she grabbed Elisha by his feet.
- Gehazi showed his ignorance and insensitivity, but Elisha was rightly perceptive.
- Others may criticize you or resist your efforts to seek God ... go grab His feet!



A great woman does not
fuss about decorum when
she needs something.



A great man respects a
virtuous woman when she
ignores decorum for a need.

Decorum – *the proper thing to do* – only goes so far. While it is usually virtuous to be polite and courteous, there are times to throw them out the window for godly zeal.

Think about Mary ignoring supper needs.

Think of Mary wasting ointment on Jesus.

Think of Mary talking to a lone gardener.

Think of Hannah praying like a drunkard.


Think of Sarah rejecting Hagar and Ishmael.

Think of the harlot telling all to Solomon.


And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

II Kings 4:30

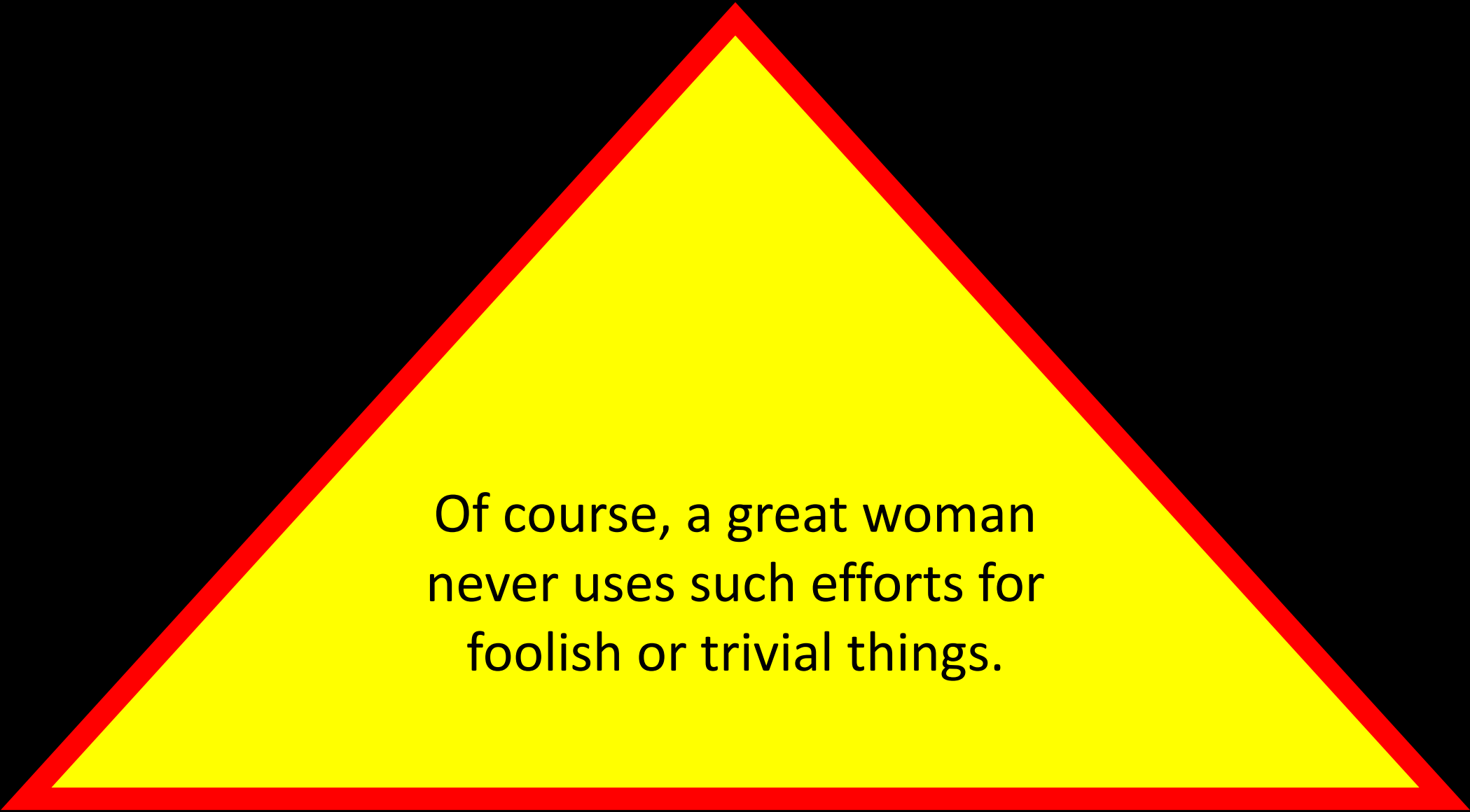
- Elisha tried to send Gehazi with specific orders to quickly check on her son.
- She did not care about Gehazi – she would not move or return without Elisha.
- She knew how to swear, and she used it to tell Jehovah and Elisha her intent.
- Elisha knew he could not satisfy her without going to Shunem, so he went.
- She did nothing more or less than Jacob did when wrestling with the LORD.



A great woman knows when
she is righteous and has
leverage with God.



A great woman knows when
she must use every tool
to get her way.



Of course, a great woman
never uses such efforts for
foolish or trivial things.

A wife that cries “Wolf!” for a minor or trivial matter should not be trusted.
Thus, wise women are cautious, discrete, and prudent.

Boldness in prayer like this great woman
with Elisha is based on trust in God as a
Father and her personal righteousness.


Psalm 18:19-28

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

II Kings 4:32-33

- God did not tell Elisha the child was dead ... he had to find it out directly.
- The woman now had what she wisely knew she needed – Elisha with her son.
- When that door shut, she must have rejoiced in heart – all would surely be well.
- Elisha did what prophets do – he prayed unto the LORD Jehovah for the son.



A great woman knows a
prayer partner is a strong
tool, but not social media.

It is a misconception about prayer to fuss
about getting as many as you can to pray,
when one good prayer partner is enough.

James 5:16

Praying until the baby dies (like David) is a partial truth and rule of wisdom, for the great woman of Shunem believed more.


36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.


II Kings 4:32-33

- The Shunammite got exactly what she thought would happen – her son back.
- She had confidence because of her faith and her works to take care of Elisha.
- She knew Elisha rewarded her with the son ... she knew she had not changed.
- The great woman of Shunem did what was appropriate – she thanked Elisha.





A great woman never
thinks she deserves
God's blessings.



A great woman always gives
thanks and receives more
blessings for doing so.

Observe that this woman thanked God and the man of God before taking up her son. She had her priorities right and was not ruled by sentimental emotions.

This glorious woman may not have a peer
in the Bible. She made perfect choices
from initiating hospitality to properly
responding to personal disaster.

From beginning to end!

A godly example!

What a difference between 42 children
and this woman and her son?
Consider it well.
Why?

Thus ends II Kings 4:8-37, about
the great woman of Shunem.

Or so many think who have not
read their Bibles well enough.

There are two more places in the Bible
about the great woman of Shunem.

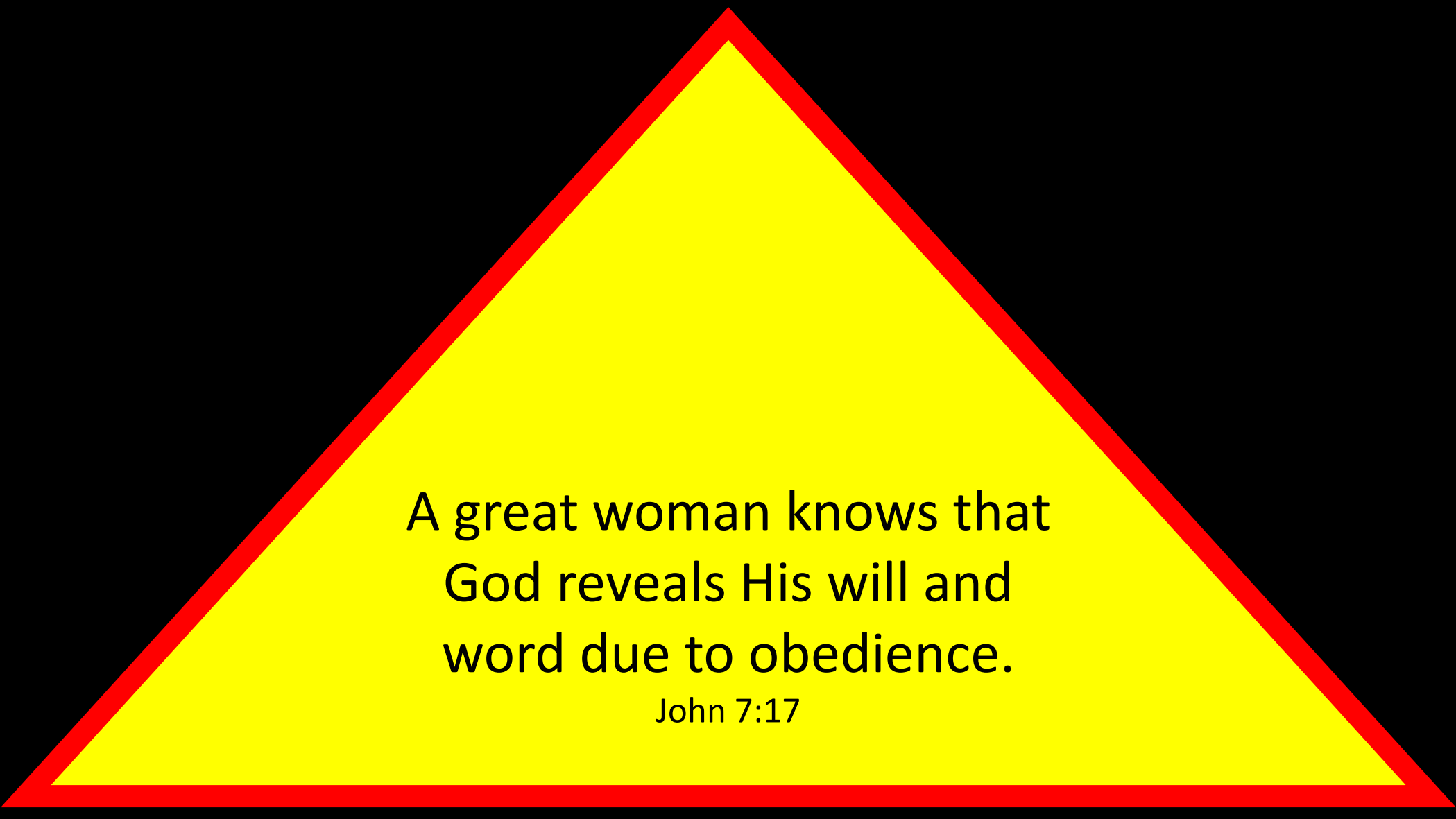
Jump over to II Kings 8, and you will find
Elisha and the Shunammite again.

Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

II Kings 8:1


- The rewards for hospitality to the man of God did not stop with a gift of a son.
- Elisha and God took care of the Shunammite and her household in a famine.
- She gets the only insider information that counts – what God plans to do.
- Elisha told her what would happen ... how long it would be ... and what to do.

When a woman's ways please the LORD,
He will look after her in the future,
even after giving a miracle son.



A great woman knows that
God reveals His will and
word due to obedience.

John 7:17



A great woman knows
godly hospitality carries
big rewards from God.

Matt 25:31-46; I Tim 6:17-19; Ps 112:9

40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Matthew 10:40-42

Christian hospitality is win-win-win-win.

It profits those receiving it.

It pleases God observing it.

It is very pleasant giving it.

It brings heaven's rewards.

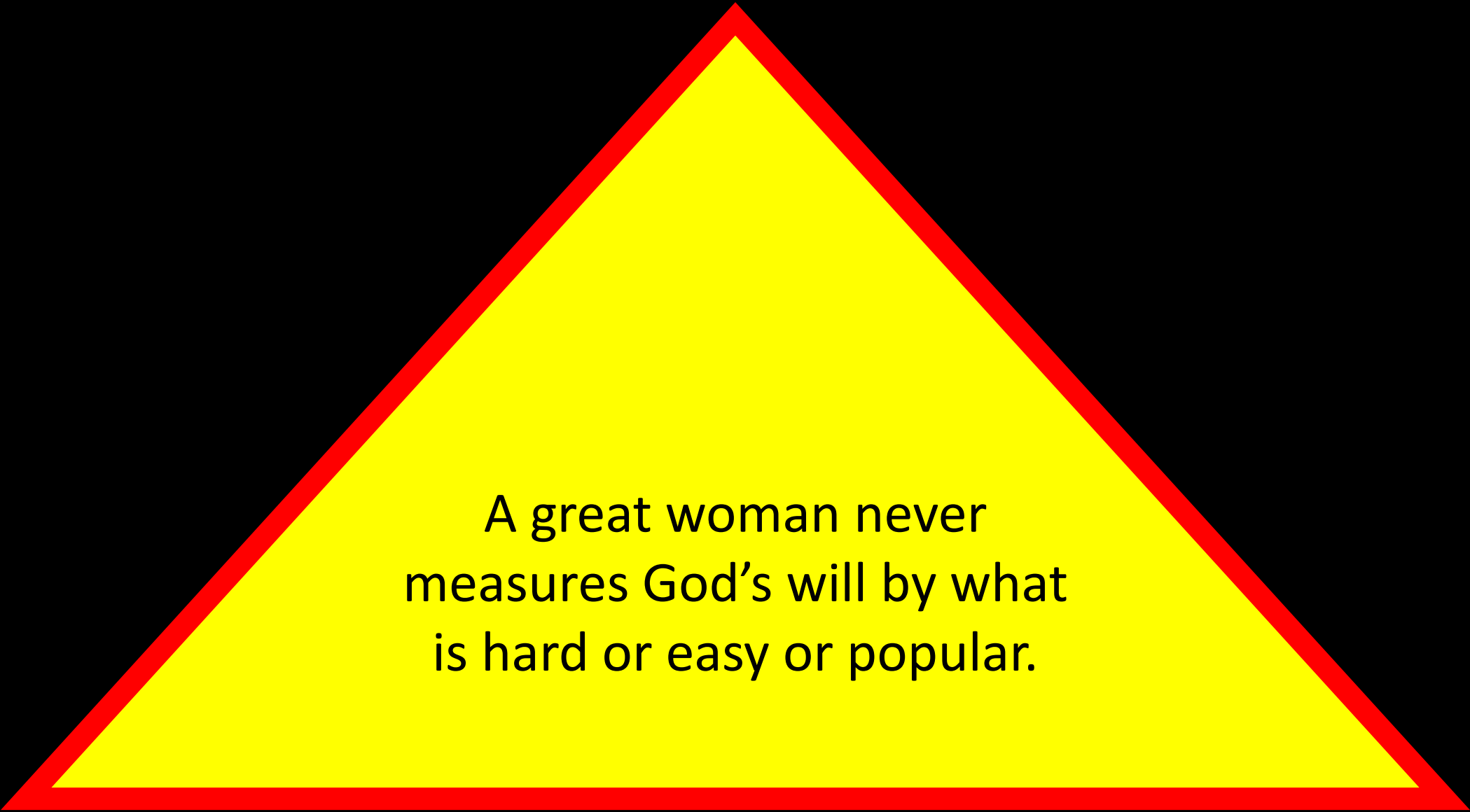
And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

II Kings 8:2


- Are you surprised? The Shunammite woman obeyed the man of God perfectly.
- Can you learn? A great woman today will obey the Bible in every part of it.
- Think about the confusion, doubts, upheaval, risk, shame, and trouble to move.
- Can you learn? What you think, outside of God's word, is absolutely worthless.
- She did what Elisha said to do, how long he said to do it ... even with Philistines.

God chastened Israel, so the Philistines had food, like when Abraham went down into Egypt, Elimelech moved to Moab, and Joseph took Jesus down into Egypt, etc.


While not good to live with Philistines at other times, the word of God had made it acceptable at this time, like for David later.



A great woman never
measures God's will by what
is hard or easy or popular.



A great woman will risk
anything to obey the Bible
for her family and herself.



A great woman grasps Bible
ethics and is not black and
white to miss God's will.


And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.

II Kings 8:3

- Are you surprised? God may try the faith of even His most faithful followers.
- Can you learn? Bad events are for God's glory and your profit, if you react right.
- The Shunammite obeyed God ... and lost her estate during the seven years.
- Can you learn? She was not a fatalist – *what will be will be* – she did not give up.
- Before going to Elisha, she used available means – petition the king for help.

While living among the Philistines to obey
Elisha's warning, others took over her
estate, so she returned home to nothing!

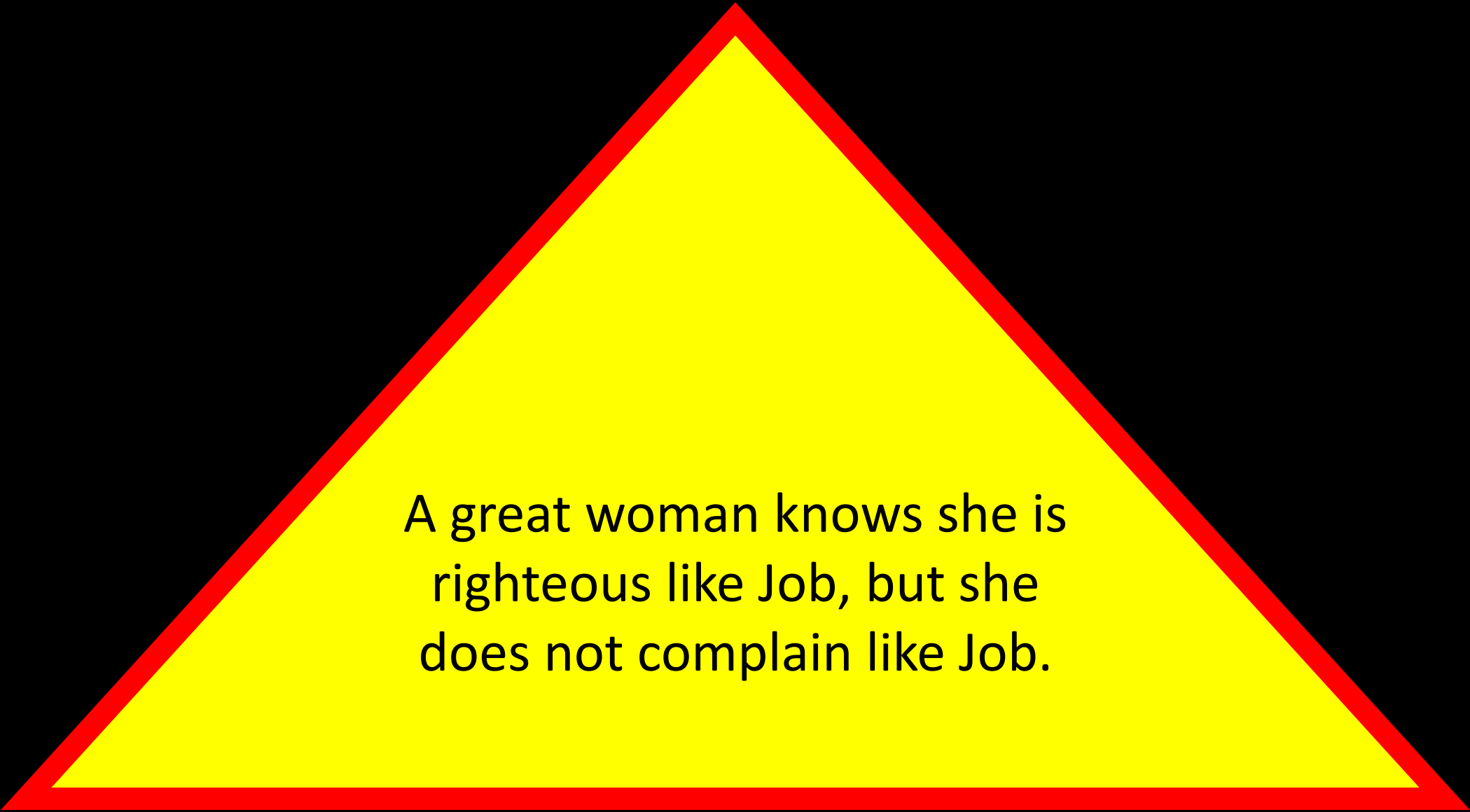





A great woman knows to
deal with negative events
like Job did for restoration.

Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Job 5:11



A great woman knows she is
righteous like Job, but she
does not complain like Job.



A great woman does not
despair or get overwhelmed,
she uses all available means.

When you are hit with disaster, put your trust in the Lord and devise steps to get out of trouble based on Bible wisdom or wise counsel and follow them in order.

Proverbs 16:9 cp Ruth 2:2-3; I Samuel 30:1-8


And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

II Kings 8:4

- For some reason ... can you guess? ... the king wanted to hear Elisha's exploits.
- Can you learn? Her hospitality turned hearts and heads in a palace and heaven.
- There are absolutely no coincidences in our God and Father's rule of the world.
- Can you learn? What kind of timing will occur here? Who is in charge of all this?
- Who would you expect to walk in as the king hears about the Shunammite?

Let God's timing always be your timing.

Think Haman and Mordecai, or
Abraham's servant and Rebekah, or
David seeing Bathsheba bathe.

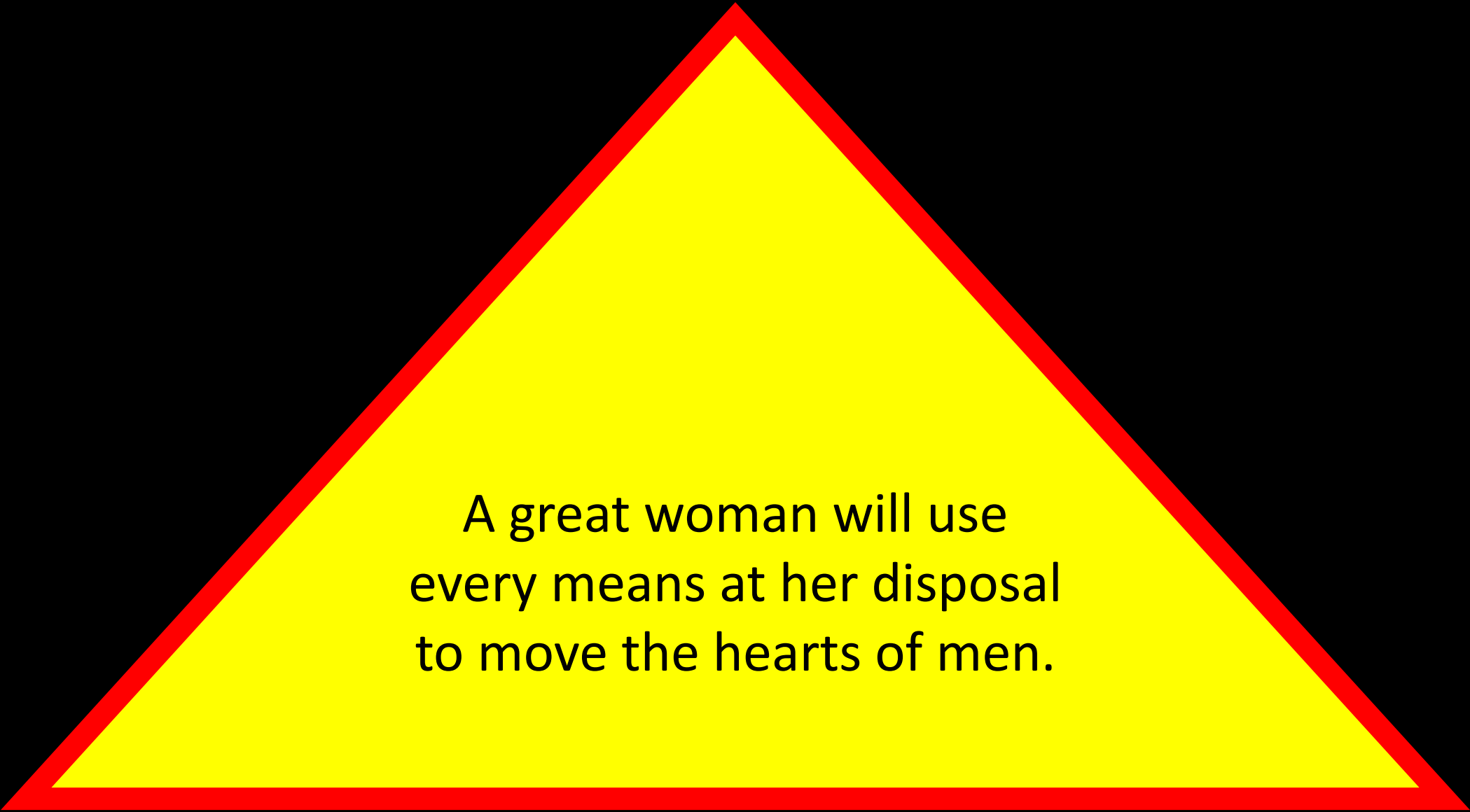


A great woman trusts God's
timing for all things from
mercy to temptation.

And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

II Kings 8:54

- It came to pass ... it fell on a day ... forget coincidences! ... embrace providences!
- The Shunammite cried to the king for her house and land as he heard about her.
- This wise woman did not come alone. She brought her son with her ... just in case.
- The son was not there to do the crying ... he was her ace if needed with Elisha.



A great woman will use
every means at her disposal
to move the hearts of men.

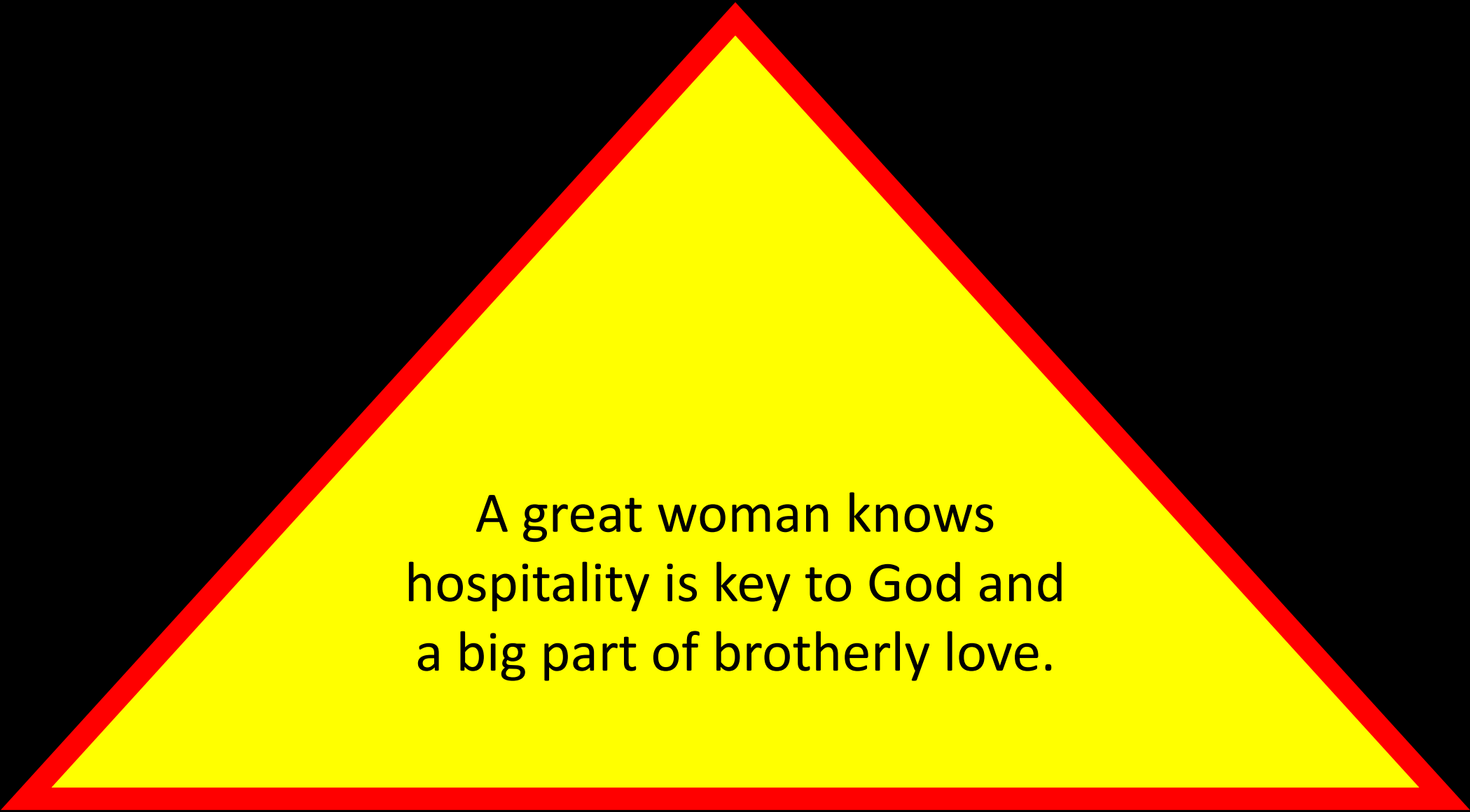
And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

II Kings 8:6

- God arranged perfect timing ... and a perfect outcome for her faith and works.
- She got everything back ... *and everything the estate earned in the seven years!*
- If she was a widow or not, we do not know or care. They were not a power couple.
- She showed hospitality ... so she got a miracle son ... and family preservation.



God's blessings and rewards follow His word, and the great woman of Shunem knew God's rule for much hospitality.



A great woman knows
hospitality is key to God and
a big part of brotherly love.

And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Acts 16:15

What did the Shunammite and
Lydia have in common?

Both forced ... *constrained* ... hospitality
on their respective men of God!

What is hospitality?

Hospitality. The act or practice of being hospitable; the reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers, with liberality and goodwill.

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Romans 12:13

To be *given to* hospitality is to be addicted,
prone, or vulnerable to hospitality ... like
given to wine or *given to* filthy lucre.

Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

I Timothy 5:10

The only widows a church should support are widows indeed, and one of their traits is that they used their homes for strangers.

Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

I Peter 4:9

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2

Jesus Christ will remember every detail of
hospitality shown on earth when you
stand before Him in the great
Day of Judgment.

Hebrews 6:10

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Matthew 25:34-36

Consider that she showed hospitality when she did not have children, for children reduce a woman's availability for such things.

We do not know the Shunammite's name,
but we know she was a great woman in
faith and works, especially hospitality.

How great was she?

She made it to the Hall of Faith by her
works of hospitality by faith.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Hebrews 11:35

This is not Elisha's faith raising her son, but rather her faith that showed itself by the good works of hospitality, like the good deeds done by the others in this list.



What Will Our Girls and Women Learn?

A kind servant's heart wins God's heart.

Hospitality is a rule and win-win-win.

Great women submit to husbands.

Great women are bold entertainers.

Great women are bold with God.

Great women obey the Bible fully.

Great women love their children.

Great women are quite fearless.

They may discard decorum.

Great women trust and obey.



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