



A Shunammite Christmas

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“The Life of the Rising Wave”

2 Kings 4:18-37



A Cruel Irony and the Red Sea

A miracle baby taken away: did I ask for a son? 2 Kings 4:28

Sine wave reality: every gift is susceptible to loss

What have you done to us? Exodus 14:10-12

The Red Sea crossing as a kind of baptism: 1 Corinthians 10:-4

Baptism as a kind of life-time discipleship template: Romans 6:1-11

Dying in the Way of Life

The discipleship invitation: carrying a cross: Luke 9:23-24

Let us die with Him: John 11:16; and the riddle of Jesus: John 11:25-26

The model of Paul: 2 Corinthians 6:2-10

God uses the life-death-life process as a rising wave toward glory: Romans 8:17, 28, 36-37

Bethlehem Babies

Height of glory and depth of horror in a time and place: Matthew 2:16-18

Herod is doing the killing, not God

The Father Who gives and takes away: Job 1:21

Lament is the appropriate response to every dying; the bottle of tears: Psalm 56:8

Resurrection Wins

The perishable putting on the imperishable, layer by layer: 1 Corinthians 15:53-55

Lightning and the arson's wildfire

The resurrected Jesus, not Gehazi, guides us through every “death”,: Hebrews 2:9, 14-18

Baptismal identification works both ways!

Intimately with us to the end of the age: Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5