### TODAY's SCRIPTURE LESSON: I Kings 17:17-24

# TITLE: "Let the Children Live"

#### **SUBJECT:**

Our Responsibility for Vulnerable Children

#### **SERMONIC POINTS:**

#1: COMFORT

#2: CARRY

#3: CRY OUT

## SERMONIC POINT #1:

**COMFORT** 

"Now it happened...the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him."

I Kings 17:17

'What have I to do with you, O man of GOD? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to kill my son?' "

I Kings 17:18

### SERMONIC POINT #2:

CARRY

"And he said..., 'Give me your son.' So he took him out of her arms and *carried* him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.

I Kings 17:19

"The he *cried out* to the LORD and said, 'O LORD MY GOD, have YOU also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?' "

I Kings 17:20

### SERMONIC POINT #3:

**CRY OUT** 

"And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and *cried out* to the LORD and said, 'O LORD MY GOD, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him.' "

I Kings 17:21

"Then THE LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child *came back* to him, and he revived."

I Kings 17:22

"And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother...and said, "See, your son lives!" " I Kings 17:23

#### **CONCLUSION:**

How have you helped a child this week or lately?

Do you make any distinction between "community" children and "our" children?

How have you advocated for our children lately?