

I had been working in a small village on the road between two of our larger cities, and had been staying at an inn there. As I was returning one afternoon, I saw an old woman with a donkey-drawn cart near the entrance. The woman was stooped over, and I could see that she was trying to assist an injured man out of the cart. I moved to help her get the man into the inn. She gave the innkeeper what money she had<sup>1</sup> to take care of him until she could return.

After this, she told me her story. She had found the man on the side of the road. He had been attacked and beaten, and his possessions stolen<sup>2</sup>. Though the way was well travelled, no one stopped to help him but this woman. Somehow she found the strength to load the man in her cart and she took him to the inn so that he could recover. She planned to prepare a place<sup>3</sup> [ref Elijah and John 14] at her home for his long-term care as needed.

I was so amazed at this little woman's great strength. I asked her how she supported herself, and she told me that she gathered wood and re-usable materials for her use and to sell. As I later learned, she also performed many small services for people that she met along the way.

As she left the inn I watched her go. I saw with surprise that the shadow of the diminutive, stooped, elderly woman was in fact that of a giant! At first I thought it was only an illusion due to the evening sun, but then I realized that the direction of the shadow was wrong. It was as though the source of light came from the Good that she had accomplished with the man she had left at the inn! I took it as a sign of how God's Greatness can work through even the weakest of us all<sup>4</sup> [ref; Heb 11; Phil 4; 1 cor 1] and make us a giant in His sight.

1. see Luke 21:2 (the widow and her two mites)
2. see Luke 10:25-37 (parable of the Good Samaritan)
3. see 2 Kings 4:8-10 (the woman who built a room for Elijah); also see John 14:1-4 (Jesus prepares a place for us)
4. see 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (God's power shown in weakness), Philippians 4:13 (I can do all things through Him who strengthens me), and Hebrews 11 (heroes of the faith)