

## *Making Room for God – Pt 06: Always Include Others*

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### *The Embassy Church - Small Group Notes – Sunday, August 25, 2019*

With God, the beginning is just a taste. This sermon series explores how we can make more room for God in our lives after we've accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. There's always more, when we know how to discover it.

#### *Part Six: Always Include Others*

Making more room for God in your life actually means you will have to make room for people. *Making room* isn't just for you and God. In this message you will discover afresh that you are part of a team. In a most profound way, this is how God's Kingdom functions.

Be blessed!

Pastor Doug Schneider

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*God will always let a leader know what the leader needs to know.*

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#### **Scriptures – All Scriptures New Living Translation**

*2 Kings 4:1-2*

One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the LORD. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves."

<sup>2</sup> "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, what do you have in the house?"

"Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied.

## 2 Kings 4:8-14

<sup>8</sup> One day Elisha went to the town of Shunem. A wealthy woman lived there, and she urged him to come to her home for a meal. After that, whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for something to eat.

<sup>9</sup> She said to her husband, “I am sure this man who stops in from time to time is a holy man of God. <sup>10</sup> Let’s build a small room for him on the roof and furnish it with a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. Then he will have a place to stay whenever he comes by.”

<sup>11</sup> One day Elisha returned to Shunem, and he went up to this upper room to rest. <sup>12</sup> He said to his servant Gehazi, “Tell the woman from Shunem I want to speak to her.” When she appeared, <sup>13</sup> Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tell her, ‘We appreciate the kind concern you have shown us. What can we do for you? Can we put in a good word for you to the king or to the commander of the army?’ ”

“No,” she replied, “my family takes good care of me.”

<sup>14</sup> Later Elisha asked Gehazi, “What can we do for her?”

Gehazi replied, “She doesn’t have a son, and her husband is an old man.”

## 2 Kings 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup> One day a man from Baal-shalishah brought the man of God a sack of fresh grain and twenty loaves of barley bread made from the first grain of his harvest. Elisha said, “Give it to the people so they can eat.”

<sup>43</sup> “What?” his servant exclaimed. “Feed a hundred people with only this?”

But Elisha repeated, “Give it to the people so they can eat, for this is what the LORD says: Everyone will eat, and there will even be some left over!” <sup>44</sup> And when they gave it to the people, there was plenty for all and some left over, just as the LORD had promised.

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*Whatever you’re doing, make room for others!*

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**Extra Notes:**

- When you *Make Room for God* in your life, it will always mean *making room for other people*.
  - Adam made room for Eve.
  - Abraham and Sarah made room for Isaac.
  - Moses made room for Joshua.
  - Elijah made room for Elisha.
  - Elisha made room for 100 prophets.
  - Jesus made room for His church... you and me.

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*It happened "one day". God will always do something when we are watching for Him to move.*

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**Main Points:**

1. Succession & Progression: *Whatever you're doing, do as unto the Lord.*
  - a. Set it up to succeed and proceed for a longtime.
    - i. This is a Kingdom virtue.
2. Less is More: Less of you, is more of others.
  - a. *Promotion* means you must decrease so *others* can increase.
3. God & the Devil Send People: When God wants to bless you, He sends a person. When the devil wants to hurt you, he sends a person.
  - a. Faithfulness and loyalty tell it all!
4. More People Means More Equipping & Training.
  - a. Ephesians 4:11-16
  - b. Find out who those people are... your kids, your friends, your business associates and church colleagues.
  - c. This is the heart of the Lord.

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*Faithfulness and loyalty are true marks of people sent by God to encourage you.*

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**Digging Deeper:**

*Revelation*

- How do we discover some principles of *making room for God* and *making room for others* from the Scripture passages in this message?
- From the *extra notes* section above – How did each example make room for God and others?

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*Sometimes someone else might know something you don't know, but need to know.*

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*Interpretation*

- How do we discover those we need to be connected with, when we make room for God and make room for others?
- How do we move from progression to succession?
- How can we discern whether people are sent by God, or the devil?
- How does making room for people mean more equipping and training?

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*When you make room for others, you will hear things God needs you to know.*

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*Application*

- Do you have people in your life who speak into your life?
- How are you making room for others in your life?
  - How are you equipping and training them?
- Is there continuity in your life as you make room for God and make room for others?
- Are you moving to less of you, and more of others?

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*In the economy of God, He uses others to encourage and speak into our lives.*

*Making room for others always means more equipping and training.*

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