

Making Room for God – Pt 04: Your Big Pot

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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 Four: Your Big Pot

In this message we look at a most amazing story in the Bible where a miracle took place in a big pot! If you're going to truly *Make Room for God*, it will happen here. You will discover a great application of this incredible truth for your life.

Be blessed!

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Scriptures

2 Kings 4:38-41

Miracles During a Famine

³⁸ Elisha now returned to Gilgal, and there was a famine in the land. One day as the group of prophets was seated before him, he said to his servant, "Put a large pot on the fire, and make some stew for the rest of the group."

³⁹ One of the young men went out into the field to gather herbs and came back with a pocketful of wild gourds. He shredded them and put them into the pot without realizing they were poisonous. ⁴⁰ Some of the stew was served to the men. But after they had eaten a bite or two they cried out, "Man of God, there's poison in this stew!" So they would not eat it.

⁴¹ Elisha said, "Bring me some flour." Then he threw it into the pot and said, "Now it's all right; go ahead and eat." And then it did not harm them.

Running out of room is the only thing that will stop God from continuously releasing increase.

Review: Making Room for God

1. A poor widow whose husband was a prophet.
2. A rich wife whose husband was passively supportive.
3. 100 prophets who were starving.

These stories are not in chronological order... but they are arranged together because they all need to make room.

Main Points

1. Your Time of *Famine* – Vs. 38
 - a. Famine is a time when you “lack”
 - i. You must make room for God.
 - ii. Strength, healing, money, food, health, friends, job, etc.
 - b. Make room for God in order to move in your famine.
2. One of Them... Did Not Know – Vss. 39-40
 - a. One of them took it upon himself to gather wild herbs, not recognizing they were poisonous.
 - b. The wild stuff is often what you think is the good stuff because you try to do it on your own, without God.
 - c. Doing your best is *not* the language of Christian living.
3. Bring Some Flour – Vs. 41
 - a. When you make room with a big pot, God will throw in the flour.

Making room for God is creating space for great increase from God.

Digging Deeper

Revelation

- How did each person in our text from 2 Kings make room for God?
- What’s the difference between Christians and non-Christians experiencing famine?

When there is famine – or lack of something in your life – you must make room for God.

Interpretation

- Why do we fear making room for God?
- What's the significance of God telling Elisha to "put on a pot to make stew" while in the midst of famine?
- Why is it important *not* to try to do it yourself like the prophet who went out and picked wild herbs?

A lot of the Christian life is to listen for His plan in the midst of your brokenness – famine.

Application

- Are there places in your life where you are experiencing *famine* today?
- Are there things you're trying to do on your own, without God?
- How are you making room for God in your life?

God's goodness is always better than whatever bad might be going on in your life.
