

Making Room for God – Pt 01: Arranging the Furniture

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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 One: Arranging the Furniture

There are four pieces of furniture needed to make more room for God in your life. It's impossible to just say, "I want more of the Lord", and be satisfied. Some things have to be changed and rearranged. A unique and special Bible story uncovers the secrets for fullness in your life. The God of the universe is ready to move into your added room!

Be blessed!

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Scriptures – All Scriptures New King James Version

2 Kings 4:1-7

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."

² "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.

³ And Elisha said, "Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors. ⁴ Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled."

⁵ So she did as she was told. Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another. ⁶ Soon every container was full to the brim!

"Bring me another jar," she said to one of her sons.

"There aren't any more!" he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing.

⁷ When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, "Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over."

2 Kings 4:8-10

⁸ 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.

⁹ She said to her husband, “I am sure this man who stops in from time to time is a holy man of God. ¹⁰ 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.”

Main Points

1. Moving Beyond Just Knowing
2. Making Room for the Miracle
3. Arranging the Furniture

Extra Notes – Four Things to Put In The Room – 2 Kings 4:10

1. Bed: A place of rest.
 - a. Resting in God keeps us in a place of peace and rest.
 - b. When we rest, God works.
2. Table: Where you eat.
 - a. Fellowship around the table with food and drink.
3. Chair: A chair of honor.
 - a. Make sure Jesus is on the throne in your life.
4. Lamp: The Menorah.
 - a. Used in the temple.
 - b. This is the only time the word is used in the Bible to refer to a lamp in a simple room
 - c. The Menorah has a constant flow of oil so the lamp is always burning.

Digging Deeper

Revelation

- How did the woman in 2 Kings make room for God to release a miracle?
- What does it mean that the woman *perceived* that Elisha was a prophet?
- How did the woman make room for God when she recognized Elisha passed by often?

God is usually attracted to one who is hungry!

Interpretation

- How do you make room for a miracle?
- How does Elisha the prophet represent the presence of God?
- Why is it important to note that the woman and her husband made room for God via Elisha?
- How can we turn the four pieces of furniture into a daily prayer for our lives?

Application

- Is there a miracle of God you need to make room for?
- Do you have a hunger for God that causes you to want to bless others?
- How are you making more room for God in your life?

Quotable Quotes

- With God the beginning is just the taste.
- The prophet represents the presence of God.