

Making Room for God – Pt 02: Everything is Fine

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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 Two: Everything is Fine

You would think it's easy to make room for something good, even God. And yet in the process, you will always find complexity and challenge. It's a built-in "Faith grower". Learn this truth, and you will say "EVERYTHING IS FINE"!!

Be blessed!

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Scriptures – All Scriptures New King James Version

2 Kings 4:1-10

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." 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."

2 Kings 4:11-17

¹¹ One day Elisha returned to Shunem, and he went up to this upper room to rest. ¹² He said to his servant Gehazi, “Tell the woman from Shunem I want to speak to her.” When she appeared, ¹³ 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.”

¹⁴ 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.”

¹⁵ “Call her back again,” Elisha told him. When the woman returned, Elisha said to her as she stood in the doorway, ¹⁶ “Next year at this time you will be holding a son in your arms!”

“No, my lord!” she cried. “O man of God, don’t deceive me and get my hopes up like that.”

¹⁷ But sure enough, the woman soon became pregnant. And at that time the following year she had a son, just as Elisha had said.

2 Kings 4:18-21

¹⁸ One day when her child was older, he went out to help his father, who was working with the harvesters. ¹⁹ Suddenly he cried out, “My head hurts! My head hurts!”

His father said to one of the servants, “Carry him home to his mother.”

²⁰ So the servant took him home, and his mother held him on her lap. But around noontime he died. ²¹ She carried him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and left him there.

2 Kings 4:32-35

³² When Elisha arrived, the child was indeed dead, lying there on the prophet’s bed. ³³ He went in alone and shut the door behind him and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴ Then he lay down on the child’s body, placing his mouth on the child’s mouth, his eyes on the child’s eyes, and his hands on the child’s hands. And as he stretched out on him, the child’s body began to grow warm again!

³⁵ Elisha got up, walked back and forth across the room once, and then stretched himself out again on the child. This time the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes!

*Life in God’s Presence is where **faith** “resides”, where **faith** is “tested” and where **faith** is “released for miracles and new life.*

Main Points

1. When you make room for God, He releases significant blessing – 2 Kings 4:11-17
2. When you make room for God, it contains a built-in problem – 2 Kings 4:18-21
3. When you make room for God, He releases close and miraculous power – 2 Kings 4:32-35

When you remain in the Presence no matter what, you will hear the Lord speak into your situation,

Digging Deeper

Revelation

- Can you copy how someone else makes room for God?
 - Or do you have to find your own way to make room for God?
- How did each woman in 2 Kings 4:1-10 make room for God?
 - They made room in different ways.
- How did the woman respond to the built-in problem?

When people make room for God, things happen.

Interpretation

- What is the significance of Elisha saying to the woman, “What can I do for you?”
- How can encountering a *built-in problem* when making room for God, be an encouragement?
- What’s the significance of the woman taking her son into the room she made for Elisha?
- What’s the significance of the woman’s response – It is well – or Shalom – in her response to Elisha after her son has died?

Built into a blessing of making Room for God, is always some kind of a built-in problem.

Application

- Have you made room for the Presence of God in your life? (2 Kings 4:1-10)
- How do you respond to built-in problems of Making Room for God?
 - Is the built-in problem, strengthening your faith?
- Are you able to say *it is well*, in the midst of your problem?
 - Are you experiencing Shalom – peace – no matter what?
- How are you Making Room for God in your life?

What begins in the Presence needs to be kept in the Presence.

More Quotable Quotes

- Revival isn't when the roof blows off, it's when the bottom falls out.
- You can never go wrong when you go for the peace – Shalom.
- Not everyone goes back to the Presence immediately – the disciples went back to fishing.