

Making Room for God – Pt 05: The Secret

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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 Five: The Secret

If you're willing to change your thinking, you will discover *The Secret*. It's a simple yet profound truth that always makes room for more. This secret is all through the Bible, and is waiting to be activated in your life!

Be blessed!

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Scriptures – All Scriptures New Living Translation

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² 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."

⁴³ "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!" ⁴⁴ 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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Introduction Notes:

- Up to this 4th story of *Making Room for God*, we've been talking about pots and pans, a new room in house and a big pot.
- Here we have a new way of making room for God... it's not a *container*. It's an *action*.

In our text for this message, we find a man who is generous with a first fruit, during a time of famine.

Main Points:

1. You Can Only Keep What You Give Away – Vs. 42
 - a. To make more room for God, start giving away what you already have. Share it with other people.
2. Your Thinking Has to Change – Vs. 43
 - a. The Servant said, “there’s not enough for 100 people!”
 - b. Elisha said, “Give and you will have more than enough.”
3. Miracles are Repeatable – Vs. 44
 - a. John 6:5-13 – There are two kinds of thinking.
 - b. Elisha to Jesus, to you and to me.

Digging Deeper:

Revelation

- How does giving something away, make room for God?
- What is the significance of giving a first fruit?
- How are miracles *repeatable*?
 - 1 Kings 17
 - John 6

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Interpretation

- What’s the significance of the name change from Shalishah to Baal-Shalishah?
- How do we know the servant doesn’t understand what is about to take place?
- How do we transition from a mindset of *not enough*, to *more than enough*?
- Where do we see this miracle repeated? (John 6:5-13)

You have to use it – a gift – in order to see it grow.

Application

- What do you have that you can give away, in order to make room for God?
- Are there areas in your life where you need to change your thinking?
- Do you really believe in miracles?

You can have just a little, but when God is in it, what you have can be multiplied. Remember, little is much when God is in it.
