



Let me start by saying thank you for downloading the following sermon notes.

I hope you find them a precious resource as you share the good news of Jesus.

Our ministry provides these notes as a free resource but in exchange I would ask that you visit ednewton.com to learn more about our ministry and how you can be involved.

Much Love!

Pastor Ed

Title: New Year, New Oil

Text: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Target: The overflow of God's anointing over your life is determined by what you're willing to empty from your life.

- I. **The Devastation of Loss:** *"Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves." (Vs. 4:1)*
 - A. **Death has Come:** *"your servant my husband is dead" (Vs.1)*
 - B. **Debt was Owed:** *"the creditor has come" (Vs.1)*

- II. **The Desperation in Lack:** *"And Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell Me; what have you in the house?" And she said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil" (Vs. 4:2)*
 - A. **Obligation to meet a Need:** *"What shall I do for you?" (Vs. 2) *James 1:27*
 - B. **Consideration of what to Sell:** *"what have you in the house?" (Vs. 2)*
 - C. **Realization of what you Have:** *"nothing in the house except a jar of oil" (Vs. 2)*

- III. **The Determination to Look:** *"Then he said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few." (Vs. 4:3)*
 - A. **Face your Fear:** *"Go outside" (Vs. 3)*
 - B. **Find Favor:** *"borrow vessels from all your neighbors, (Vs. 3)*
 - C. **Faith over Foolishness:** *"empty vessels and not too few" (Vs. 3)*

- IV. **The Direction to Lock:** *"Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside." (Vs. 4:4)*
 - A. **Secret of Solitude:** *"So she went from him and shut the door" (Vs.4:5)*
 - B. **Obedience created Outpouring:** *"And as she poured they brought the vessels to her" (Vs. 4:5)*
 - C. **Emptiness is Essential:** *"When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." (Vs. 4:6a)*
 - D. **No Vessels, No Oil:** *"There is not another." Then the oil stopped flowing.*
(Vs. 4:6b)

- V. **The Demonstration of Love:** *"She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest." (Vs. 4:7)*
 - A. **Overflow of Redemption:** *"pay your debts" (Vs. 7)*
 - B. **Overflow of Rest:** *"live on the rest" (Vs. 7)*

Takeaway: *"He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30)*