

When you don't have what you really want, you will discover that God is what you really need.

I Have Nothing

- ◇ One of Satan's most effective strategies is to get you to focus on what you don't have, what you used to have, or what someone else has that you wish you had.
- ◇ What's your "if ... then"? (If I had ____, then I would ____)

What's In Your House

- ◇ God specializes in doing a lot with a little.
- ◇ Human obedience and action prepares the way for supernatural favour.
 - God used Moses' common staff to do uncommon things.
 - A small shepherd boy to defeat a giant enemy.
 - Jesus uses a little food to feed a lot of people.
- ◇ It's not until we embrace our limitations that God can start to use us beyond our limitations. Your limitation results in God's innovation.
- ◇ You have everything you need to do all that God is calling you to do right now.

Pour the Oil

- ◇ Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit
- ◇ It is the power of the Holy Spirit that turns your limitations into limitless opportunities.
- ◇ She overlooked the oil. Have you overlooked the Holy Spirit in your life?
- ◇ She went inside and shut the door. Your private obedience matters to God.
- ◇ The Holy Spirit desires to fill us.

SCRIPTURES

2 Kings 4:1-7
Matthew 17:20
1 Corinthians 12:4-7
2 Corinthians 12:9
1 Corinthians 6:19
2 Corinthians 4:7
2 Kings 4:6
2 Kings 4:7

QUOTES

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- Pastor Ben Johnston

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Small Group Questions

Connection

When was the last time you asked someone outside of your circle, 'can I help you?' How did it go?

1. "You have everything you need to do all that God is calling you to do right now." What does this statement mean to you? Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
2. Can you remember a time when you were in desperate need of help for something in your life, and you had no idea how that need was going to be met- but it was in a "more that you could even expect or imagine" type of way. Tell us about that time.
3. Pastor Ben said, "Stop waiting for what you want and start working with what you have." What gifts can you identify in your group? Discuss ways God wants to use those gifts for this season.

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Pastor Ben said, "When we don't have what we want, we are going to find out that is God we need, that it is the private obedience that leads us to see the overflow of God's presence and power in our life." Have you overlooked something God has given you that you have not used for his glory, a gift he has given you that you have not used for him? Something you have not obeyed? Evaluate this week and submit to God that thing you have held back.

Throughout the week, ask The Lord to strengthen you as you empty yourself (jars), and patiently wait on Him to fill you with Holy Spirit.



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