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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 4 | The Haunt of Pain

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1. In this message, Joel started out by talking about a few scenes from his favorite movies. What are a few of your favorite movies? Do you have any favorite scenes in those movies? Can you tell the entire story of a movie from a single frame grab or scene?
2. The opening point is that *one scene from your story doesn't define your entire story*. What do you think that means? How do you think that applies to the topic in this message which is pain?
3. Read 2 Kings 4:1 & lay out everything bad that this woman is facing. What are some things that can make you have a bad day (big, small, anything)?
4. Read 2 Kings 4:2. What did Elisha ask this lady & how did she respond?
5. In the above verse, the lady's first response to the question, what do you have left was *nothing at all*. When we're going through something painful, do we normally focus on what we don't have or what we do have? Why do you think this is?
6. Joel said, at some point in our pain, we got to shift our perspective from *what did I lose* to *what do I have left*? How important is perspective in pain? What did the lady in the story have left?
7. Read 2 Kings 4:3. Who did Elisha tell the lady to go to? What happens when we isolate in pain versus when we are in healthy relationships in pain?
8. Read 2 Kings 4:4. Joel said, *it makes no sense to try and fill a bunch of jars with just a little bit of oil*. But sometimes God asks us to take a step of faith that doesn't make sense. Has God ever directed you in this way? What happened?
9. Read 2 Kings 4:5-7. What happened when this lady took a step of faith in her pain?
10. Reread 2 Kings 4:7 & focus on Elisha's final words...*you and your sons can live on*. How much changed in this woman's life from the 1st verse to this verse? How can those words, *you can live on* help you in your pain?