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MORE THAN OIL

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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"You have everything you need to create everything you need."

All month we have been showing you how God gave them a challenge but they just needed a revelation of their resources. What you need to do is what God asked of you is close by. God wants to see you move in faith.

2 Kings 4:1-7 NIV - [1] The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves." [2] Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil." [3] Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. [4] Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." [5] She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. [6] When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. [7] She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

- She possessed a problem, but lacked perspective
- God is concerned when you have financial needs
- God is going to give you strategy
- God wants us to be free
- God is in the midst of your stuff
- What you need is close by
- Stop sticking to what God said previously to prevent you from hearing what He is saying now

What strategies do you have to help you get out of your present financial situation?

WHAT SHE HAS

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- 1. PRESSURE
- 2. LOSS
- 3. GRIEF
- 4. DEBT

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- 5. FINANCIAL NEED
- 6. STRESS
- 7. FEAR
- 8. ANGER
- 9. DISAPPOINTMENT

10. PRIDE

- Somewhere in the middle of this God is working
- God is able to deliver you
- Don't try to take this on without God
- God is going to help you
- God is only a prayer away
- This is not how it's going to end
- You have not because you ask not
- It may be your present but not your permanent
- This will not be in your obituary but in your book

What have you been carrying that you need to release to God?

WHAT SHE DID WITH ALL OF THAT

2 Kings 4:1a - [1a] The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha 2 Kings 4:2a - [2a] Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you?"

- The wisdom isn't to get what's in their hand but get what's in their head
- Let them show you how to deliver yourself
- God is going to give you insight, information, and instruction
- God is going to teach you how to get delivered
- Look unto the hills from whence cometh your help

Have you asked God to help you? Were you specific in your request for help?

HE POINTED HER BACK TO WHAT SHE ALREADY HAS

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- There is deliverance in your house
- It takes faith to follow the instruction
- God is about to take your situation and flip it



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- Don't look at what you have, but obey what you heard
- God will teach you what to do with what you heard
- Once God brings you through this you will never see this again
- God will not allow people to feel your 911

Are you ready to obey the instructions from God, no matter what the instructions are?

- She has **community** (Neighbors)
- <u>Community</u> has <u>needed resources</u> (Jars)
- <u>Help in the house (Sons)</u>
- Something to work with (Oil)

YOU GOT THIS, BUT YOU MUST USE WHAT YOU HAVE

MOSES HAD TO RAISE HIS STAFF

PETER HAD TO DROP HIS NET

THE KING HAD TO SHOOT AND STRIKE

- God will not allow people to be the enabler
- No one will get the credit but God
- You have to do something with what you already have
- Before you receive the tangible you must first receive the intangible

What do you already have?

WHAT DOES SHE HAVE TO DO

2 Kings 4:5-7 - [5] She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. <u>They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring</u>. [6] When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. [7] She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

- Shut the door and obey God.
- God rewards your private behavior
- Started out with not enough and ended with overflow
- Go back to God after you complete the instruction
- God's about to tell you what to do next
- Don't just know what God said, know what God is saying
- You and your house will live
- You already have deliverance in your house.
- Don't let common sense get in the way of your faith sense
- What you don't value God will make it valuable for you



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• God will not let you be comfortable until you do what he told you to do *Has God already shown you what to do for your deliverance? Have you obeyed the instructions?*

ASK the neighbors
PARTNER the sons
POUR the oil
TAKE CARE OF ALL the business

Ephesians 3:20 ESV

[20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, <u>according</u> to the power at work within us

- Don't compare yourselves to people who have empty jars
- Until your expectations are met He will not stop pouring
- God will connect you with someone who can feel your weight
- God is going to perfect those things that concern you

Ouestions?

QUESTION

How do you obey a crazy instruction?

DECLARATION

I will look unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help comes from the Lord.

PRAYER

Father God, Thank you that I will always count on you as my help and strength. I ask that you give me wisdom to get out of my present situation. I will look to you for help, guidance and instructions. I trust you with all my heart and I know that you will lead and guide me into all truth in Jesus' name, Amen!