

2023



THIS IS YOUR RECORD BREAKING FINANCIAL YEAR

“RECORD BREAKING YEAR” SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

This will be a record breaking year. In 2 Kings 4, we look at Elisha’s journey and his encounter with the widow woman. Her husband was a godly man from the company of prophets and had upright integrity, yet died poor, leaving his debt to her. The widow was in distress, shared her concern with the prophet Elisha and he gave her divine instruction that stretched her faith. The widow went from being poor to paying her debt, living in prosperity, and having what everybody needed, oil.

SEVEN AREAS THAT WE WANT TO HELP BREAK RECORDS IN 2023

- Spiritually
- Mentally
- Personally
- Family
- Professionally
- Physically
- Financially

PROMISE TO PROSPER

Psalm 35:27 NKJV - Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause, and let them say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”

- God takes pleasure in your prosperity in every area of your life.

3 John 2 NKJV - Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

- Your prosperity is connected to your soul's prosperity. If your soul is not well, you will squander what you have.
- God is connected to your investments; spiritually in your soul and your financial prosperity.

PREDICAMENT

2 Kings 4:1 MSG - One day the wife of a man from the guild of prophets called out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead. You well know what a good man he was, devoted to God. And now the man to whom he was in debt is on his way to collect by taking my two children as slaves.”

- God is concerned when you have a financial crisis. Giving you the financial blessing will not answer the issue if you do not change your mindset.

GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU IN DEBT.

Proverbs 22:7 NIV - The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

- You are a benefactor of the Kingdom.
- God has called you to be the head and not the tail, the lender and not the borrower (see Deuteronomy 28:12-13).

What do you see as your predicament when you look at your current situation? Have you asked God to intervene in your finances? Why or why not?

PERSPECTIVE

2 Kings 4:2 MSG - Elisha said, "I wonder how I can be of help. Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Nothing," she said. "Well, I do have a little oil."

- God is giving you revelation about the resources you have in your house. Everything you need is already in your possession. He never leaves you with nothing.
- Poverty is when you miss a perspective. The oil God has given you is enough to multiply and do more with less.

THE MYSTERY IS WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE.

IN THE KINGDOM, GOD GIVES YOU ONE THING THAT WILL MULTIPLY INTO MANY THINGS - MASTER THE ONE THING.

Isaiah 45:3 NIV - I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

YOU WERE CREATED TO TURN POTENTIAL INTO POSSIBILITIES.

Mary McLeod Bethune – a child of former slaves who became a civil rights leader, educator, businesswoman and government official. Bethune sold sweet potato pies to fund the school she founded in Florida that ultimately became Bethune-Cookman University.

- Wealth isn't about money, it's about your idea about money.

What is your perspective on your "lack"? What do you possess that has potential for God to multiply?

USE WHAT YOU HAVE TO CREATE WHAT YOU WANT.

PLAN

2 Kings 4:3-4 MSG - “Here’s what you do,” said Elisha. “Go up and down the street and borrow jugs and bowls from all your neighbors. And not just a few – all you can get. Then come home and lock the door behind you, you and your sons. Pour oil into each container; when each is full, set it aside.”

- Prosperity follows a plan and success has a strategy.
- It takes faith to follow the instructions given by God.
- Make sure you are around the right people who are willing to give you what you need without trying to talk you out of the plan.

Deuteronomy 24:10-11 ESV - *“When you make your neighbor a loan of any sort, you shall not go into his house to collect his pledge. 11] You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you.*

- The miracle is in the instruction. The instructions you follow will determine the future you receive.
- Your ability to obey a divine instruction will determine your ability to succeed.

Take a moment and write down what God has instructed you to do. Who is in your network or circle that can help you? What is your expectation for this plan? What scripture(s) supports your strategy for executing your plan? What is your biggest hindrance to obeying God’s instructions?

Joshua 1:8 ESV- *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may **be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.***

- It is time for you to pull your resources together for collective impact (e.g. your circle, relationships, and connections). We’re better together.

WORK THE PLAN

2 Kings 4:5-6 ESV- *She did what he said. She locked the door behind her and her sons; as they brought the containers to her, she filled them. When all the jugs and bowls were full, she said to one of her sons, “Another jug please.” He said, “That’s it. There are no more jugs.”*

- Your anointing is released whenever your assignment is revealed.
- Success is spiritual. There is always a strategy for your struggle.
- The Lord will teach you how to multiply what you have behind closed doors. You will have more than enough.

What testimony do you already have of God creating abundance out of little in your life?

YOU WILL NOT RUN OUT UNTIL YOU HAVE NO PLACE TO POUR.

POSSESS THE PROMISE

2 Kings 4:7 NIV - She went and told the story to the man of God. He said, “Go sell the oil and make good on your debts. Live, both you and your sons, on what’s left.”

- Sow some - pay your tithes and debts
- Save some - pay yourself
- Spend some - treat yourself

THE INSTRUCTIONS YOU FOLLOW WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE YOU RECEIVE.

Deuteronomy 8:18 - But you shall [earnestly] remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

- God does not want you broke or in lack. He wants you to prosper.

What principles of sowing, saving, & spending do you have? How has what you learned through this lesson shifted your principles?

QUESTION

If God gave you the money that you’re praying for today, what would you do with it?

DECLARATION

This is the last year I will underestimate what I possess. My obedience unlocks the next instruction and my expectation determines my manifestation. There is a strategy for my success and I’m about to tap into it.

PRAYER

Lord, I thank You for divine instructions. I may not always understand the instructions, but I know that You love me and You are guiding me. Thank You for giving me strategy and resources. Thank You for showing me how to prosper according to kingdom principles. I surrender my thought process and my way of doing things unto Your will that I may live in the fullness of Your bountiful blessings. In Jesus’ name, Amen!