

Writing Our Story Part 4
Making Room

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NKJV) *A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves."*

The widow had lost the thing she thought would **always** bring her safety, security, comfort, and joy.

When it seems like you have nothing left, like all is lost, like there is not hope, it's easy to panic.

Panic: *sudden uncontrollable fear or anxiety that causes you to think and act in a wild manner.*

- You start looking to the wrong source to replace what you lost.
- You start associating with the wrong people.
- You start thinking wrong thoughts about who you are as a person.
- You might even start thinking some wrong things about God.

God has never changed what He thinks about you.

God hasn't forgotten about you—God has always been thinking about you.

² *So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant **has nothing** in the house but a jar of oil."*

We can get so focused on what was lost, what could have been, what should have been, we miss the start of a new work of God in our lives.

Until we are willing to let go of what was, we can never begin our journey to what could be.

Whether you see it or not, whether you know it or not, there is always something God can use.

- *It's always the little you have left that God wants to use: Moses started with a stick, David had a stone, Jesus said, "You only need a seed."*

Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)—Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."

- You better get used to the fact that God loves to start small!

When God starts a work in your life, it always looks the same—like it won't work

- It always looks like nothing, and many times that is exactly what you have.

If you only focus on all that you've lost, you will miss what you have left.

- The little you have left is more than enough to cross your Red Sea or defeat your giant.

Genesis 8:22—...as long as the earth remains, seed time and harvest will never cease.

- God always starts with a seed.
- If it's too small, not enough, and looks down right impossible, that's the perfect environment.

You will never enjoy the fruit of a tree if you miss the importance of the seed.

Moses could have sulked about all that he lost, and David could have pouted about being alone, but Moses and David recognized that the little they had was more than enough with God.

If you think all you have is all you'll ever have, then all you have is all you'll ever have.

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There is a jar of oil in everyone's pantry. You might have overlooked it, but it has always been there.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT) *For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.*

- No matter how bad your situation, there is always a seed of victory available.

³ Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; **do not gather just a few.**

- **He's saying, "Make room for what God is fixing to do!"**

People will always see you like you are, but God wants you to see yourself like He sees you!

⁴ And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." ⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out.

What God does in your life will always start on the inside, with the doors shut.

You don't get public praise until you've let God do His private work.

⁶ Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." **So the oil ceased.** ⁷ Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

Your new start begins with the little you have left.

Isaiah 55:10-11(NKJV) *"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*