

**A Person of Action**  
**Part 2**  
**“The Miracle is in what You Have”**

**2 Kings 4**

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.”

**Elisha said, How can I help you?**

This story is about a woman who suffered great loss...

Her world had been turned upside down by an unexpected tragedy...

When I read this my heart drops and I can’t help but feel empathy for her...

Elisha must have felt the same...

I believe that God’s heart did all the more...

It’s easy to read stories like this and wonder, why God?

I don’t know the answer but I can tell you today God cares deeply for us...

The Bible says in **Romans 12:15** “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”

Our God has Empathy...

Empathy: The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

Jesus is perfect Theology...

He is the Word...

He Rejoices when you Rejoice...

He delights when you have reason to delight...

When you go through painful, difficult circumstances that cause you to Morn...

He Morns when you Morn...

### **Hebrews 4:15 NKJV**

15 For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

- Jesus wept when he saw Mary weep over Lazarus

### **John 11**

33 When Jesus saw (Mary) weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

That was a revelation for the Jews and for Mary...

They were taken by surprise when they saw Jesus weep!

They said, "See how he loved him!"

They were shocked to see how God responds to our pain...

Jesus wept...

- God knew how this Widow's Husband served...
- He saw this Widow's great distress...
- And He was touched by her great need...

So Elisha asks the question for God...

### **How can I help You?**

Then Elisha helps her, **“Tell me, What do you have in your house?”**

*In other words Mame it's not about what you don't have...*

*It's about what you do have...*

Or he could have said it like this:

*God see's you, he loves you and He is about to do a Miracle in your life; but it's not going to come from what you don't have... It's going to come from what you do have...*

This whole time all she has talked about is what she doesn't have...

Oh how easy it is to look in the rear view mirror...

God is telling her take your eyes off the rear view mirror for a minute and put your eyes on me...

God can't work with what you don't have...

He always works with what you do have...

God cares about what you've lost...

But he doesn't work with what you've lost...

He doesn't work with what you don't have

He works with what you do have...

It may be one small thing, what is it?...

It doesn't need to be much...

It just needs to be something...

She said I have nothing, oh wait, **except for** a small jar of olive oil...

**- It's not about what you don't have, It's about what you do have...**

Remember the widows mite

### **Luke 21**

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins.

<sup>3</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the

others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

- Your little bit, when it’s all you got, impresses God...
- What other’s may think is small, God sees as great...
- You may think it’s insignificant but God sees it as very significant...

### **Vs. 3-6**

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### **She found the “Just Keep Going Anointing”...**

This is the Matthew 14, Jesus feeding the 5000 Anointing

There is a Miracle in there you just need to find it.

Just like a boy with a sack lunch, maybe all you’ve got is two small fish and five loaves, but in God’s hands that can feed an army...

Just keep Going...

It’s not in what you lost

It’s not in what you use to have

It’s not in what you should have

The Miracle is going to come from what you do have...

### **She almost missed what God had: Because the power of God was present where her perspective was not...**

“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.”

- My Husband is dead - He was our provider...

- My boys are about to be made slaves - to take their fathers place and pay my debt...
- God didn't use her dead husband to pay her bills
- God didn't use her boys as slaves to pay her bills
- God had something totally different in mind...

### **God provision was bigger than her preparation.**

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.**

- I can't help but wonder, if she had known then what she knew now, maybe she would have found a couple more jars?
- The power of God was present where her perspective was not...
- Never limit what God can do...
- Just because you've never seen it done doesn't mean God can't...

### **God can do in a moment what in man's effort can take a lifetime...**

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."

- Notice God never gave her the money... God gave her the means to get the money...
- God never gave her a paycheck... God gave her means to a paycheck...
- What God gave her was valuable...
- What things has God given you that are valuable...

Closing:

- 1 God cares for you and he mourns with those who mourn...
  - 2 The Miracle is not in what you don't have, it's in what you do
- What do you have:
    - Time
    - A Willingness
    - A Passion

- Desire
- Like the Widows Mite, it may be small to others but to God its big
- God can work with those things

3. Don't take for granted the jars God has given you to fill  
There is a "Just Keep Going Anointing" for your life...

4. Don't miss what God has, because the power of God is present where your perspective is not...

5. Remember God can do more in a moment that what man can do in a lifetime...