



## Enter Empty - Empty Vessels

Your house is on fire, you managed to get your spouse, the kids, and all the pets out safely but only have time to rescue one more thing. What is the first thing you would save from the flames?

### **Memory Verse:**

**Matthew 6:33**

**But seek FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be given to you.**

What does it mean to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness? What does that look like in everyday life?

### **Read: 2 Kings 4:1-7**

Think about this question and be as honest as you can: When you are going through a trial, how many options do you turn to before you turn to God?

Why does it seem so natural to turn to other options before we turn to God?

When was the last time you felt like you were “hitting rock bottom”? How did God bring you out? What lesson did you learn?

When Elisha asked those two questions, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” He was speaking beyond the easy practical answers that we prefer. He was digging at deeper issues.

How would you answer the question: Who or What, is God to you?

How has your answer changed over the years, and why? Or what are you struggling with as you try to answer that question?

In v2, it almost seems like the Widow Woman is discounting the jar of anointing oil in her life. Have you ever been in such a desperate place you discount God’s blessing in your life?

How did God bring you out?

**Read: Romans 8:28, Romans 8:11, James 2:14**

How do these verses strengthen us when we are in a wilderness season?

Read this statement: *“Faith is not enough. We are called to have faith expressed through obedience. The blessing that God has for us only comes through practicing both faith and obedience.”*

Have you found this to be true? Why or Why not?

If you have faith but not obedience, do you really have faith?

**Psalm 139:23-24 NIV**

**23 Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
24 See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Have you taken time to ask God to reveal anything that may be keeping you from emptying yourself so that you can give more of you to God? Do we really need to do that? Why or why not?

Close in prayer.