



Tipping Point - The Principle of the First

What is the most selfless act you have ever committed?

or

What is the most selfless thing anyone has ever done for you?

Memory Verse:

Deuteronomy 15:10 (HCSB)

Give to him, and don't have a stingy heart when you give, and because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you do.

READ: 1 Kings 17:8-22

What moves you about this story?

Why role did God's timing of the test play for her?

Read: Hebrews 11:6

Does faith grow apart from facing challenges?

Is it loving for God to allow us to face such strong challenges as the Widow of Zarephath? Why/How or why not?

The Principle of the First: Whatever, wherever, and whenever I put God first in my life, I invite God into my situation.

Do you have any experience with that, even outside of finances?

How have you been rewarded for putting God first?

How have you struggled to put Him first?

What has God taught you in both situations?

In the sermon it said: *“God will not do what you can do, but God is willing to do what you cannot do.”* What role does faith play in this?

Both taking steps of faith and taking personal responsibility are actions that we take on our own volition, why is that important in our walk with God?

This is a challenging call in the life of every believer, which is why we need to take time to pray about it so that we can better know the heart of God in this.

As you pray for the needs of the Group, please take time to also pray for one of LifePoint’s Prayer Targets:

Pray for thriving financial vitality.

Read:

Malachi 3:10 CSB

Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way,” says the Lord of Armies. “See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.”

The work that God has called us to will take strong faith and strong finances. God is calling us to embrace a lifestyle of generosity built out of a deep integrity in our work ethic, and faith in what God can do. The blessing God brings the church will be collected first by His people and is multiplied when we return the tithe in worship to God.

- **Pray for men and women of God to take steps of faith to build businesses, budget and spend wisely, and for God’s Malachi 3:10 promise to unfold.**