

Heroes of Faith 7: The Widow

August 7-8, 2021


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I. The Widow


James 1:26—27 (NIV) **26** Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. **27** Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

 Looking after orphans and widows _____ us

Deuteronomy 10:18 (NIV) **18** He defends the cause of the fatherless and the **widow**, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.

 God invites us to _____ His heart

Luke 4:24-26 (NIV) **24** “Truly I tell you,” he [Jesus] continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. **25** I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. **26** Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

 Those who get God's best _____ His heart and look to Him

Core value #7 — The Best

II. God Uses Widows

Ruth 1:16 (NIV) **16** Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.”

 God is our kinsman- _____


1 Kings 17:9 (NIV) **9** [The Lord to Elijah] “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”

 God is our _____

2 Kings 4:1 (NIV) **1** 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.”


 God is our _____

Psalm 68:5 (NIV) **5** A father to the fatherless, a **defender of widows**, is God in his holy dwelling.

 God is our _____

III. Jesus and the Widows

Mark 12:41—43 (NIV) **41** Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. **42** But a **poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins**, worth only a few cents. **43** Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

 Jesus could see her _____ and _____ in her generosity

Luke 7:11-13 (NIV) **11** Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. **12** As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—**the only son of his mother, and she was a widow**. And a large crowd from the town was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

 Jesus could see her _____ and _____

IV. The Early Church

Acts 6:1 (NIV) **1** In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because **their widows were being overlooked** in the daily distribution of food.

1 Timothy 5:5 (NIV) **5** The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.

V. If You Want God's Best

_____ like a widow

_____ like a widow

_____ like a widow

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This Week’s Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

Sat Rest Sun Isa 24-27 Mon Isa 28-31 Tue Isa 32-35

Wed Isa 36-39 Thur Isa 40-48 Fri Isa 49-55 Sat Rest

Our Mission

Moving people closer to God



Our Vision

(What we see ourselves doing every day)

Meeting you where you are: "the Jesus way"

1. *Jesus left heaven for us - John 6:38*
2. *Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life - John 14:6*
3. *Repeatedly, the Bible says Jesus went out to the people, villages, and region.*

I. Our core values

- 1 **The Bible:** We are - **transformed** - through God's word.
- 2 **The Church:** We are a **people**, God's family, built on Christ Jesus.
- 3 **Interns:** We are **living, following, doing, and learning** alongside Jesus, modern-day disciples, in a movement of God.
- 4 **Prayer:** We **pray first** and ask questions later.
- 5 **Faith:** We are a **faith-filled, courageous, mountain-moving** people.
- 6 **Invitations:** We invite everyone to **taste and see** the Goodness of God.
- 7 **The Best:** We want **the best from God**, to be **our best for God**, to give **our best to God**.
- 8 **Spiritual:** We are spiritual beings, **called to win** in battle.
- 9 **Honesty:** We need honesty - **truth opens** the way to **freedom and life**.
- 10 **Love:** We are **designed for love**, to love.

Welcome Home!

Upcoming Events at The Church Next Door!

Sundays 6pm: Deeper Life Bible Study with Pastor Doyle in the Sanctuary
Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:30pm: Grounded Student Ministries
Junior High 6th - 8th Grades; Senior High 9th - 12th Grades
Throughout the week: Join a Small Group! Find a convenient time for you!

Aug 7-8 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:
Heroes of Faith 7: The Widow

Aug 14-15 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:
Heroes of Faith 8: John

Aug 21-22 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:
Heroes of Faith 9: David
Join us for Graeter's and Handle's Ice Cream after each service!
Pre-Schoolers - 6th Graders: Bring your school backpack to your Sunday School class for a special blessing as the school year starts

Aug 26 Thurs 6:30pm: Annual Family Gathering
Join us as we review the past year and get ready for the next one!

Aug 28-29 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:
Heroes of Faith 10: Mary
Water Baptisms at Saturday service only
Gather together for Hot Dogs after each service!

Sept 4-5 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:
Communion weekend
Fellowship together with Ice Cream Truck Treats after each service!

Sept 6 Mon: Church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Sept 11 Sat: OSU vs Oregon Outdoor Screen Tailgate Party - Noon Kickoff

Sept 11-12 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:
Enjoy Nachos together after each service!

Sept 12 Sun 3pm - 8pm: Simply Joy Women's Gathering
Come for Worship, Speakers, Food Trucks, Lantern Release, and Bonfires!
Activities will be inside and outside; Water Baptism will be available

Sept 18-19 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:
Join us for Schuler's Pumpkin Donuts after each service!

Sept 25-26 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:
Fellowship around Fire Pits and enjoy making S'mores!