

JUST ENOUGH IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!

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1 Kings 17:10-12 KJV

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. **11** And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. **12** And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

1 Kings 17:10-12 MSG

12 She said, "I swear, as surely as your God lives, I don't have so much as a biscuit. I have a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a bottle; you found me scratching together just enough firewood to make a last meal for my son and me. After we eat it, we'll die.

SUBJ: Just Enough Is All You Need! (Tell your neighbor, "Just Enough Is Enough!")

INTRO: Have you ever been in a place where you looked at what you had and wondered, "Lord, how am I going to make it?"

Have you ever looked at your situation and said, "I don't have enough!"

Not enough money!

Not enough strength!

Not enough help!

Not enough resources!

Not enough answers!

And the more you look at what you have, the more you realize that what you have is not enough to meet what you need!

BUT I CAME TO TELL SOMEBODY THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE DOWN TO YOUR LAST, DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT IS YOUR LAST!

You might be down to your last dollar, but God is not down to His last blessing!

You might be down to your last ounce of strength, but God has not run out of power!

You might be down to your last option, but God has not run out of ways to make a way!

SOMEBODY SHOUT, "GOD CAN STILL WORK WITH WHAT I HAVE!"

The text introduces us to a widow woman who is living in a season of famine. She has a son to take care of, very little food in her house, and no visible solution to her circumstances.

She is not preparing a feast. She is not getting ready for a celebration. She is gathering sticks to prepare what she believes will be her last meal.

She has reached a point where she believes that after this meal, there will be nothing left.

But what she does not know is that **GOD IS ABOUT TO SHOW HER THAT JUST ENOUGH IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!**

2 Kings 4:1-6

1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. **2** And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. **3** Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. **4** And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. **5** So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. **6** And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

Just enough is all you need for GOD, to do more than enough in your life.

And what I've learned is that, just enough is all I need, for GOD to meet my need!

A lot of times, we get all messed up because we don't have as much as we would like to have!

But GOD said, "Just enough is more than enough!"

You ever notice when you have just enough food to eat, when you eat, you're satisfied and full!

(NOTE: You say, man that was just enough!)

But when you're at a buffet, you eat too much and mess your stomach up!

(NOTE: You say, Oh lord, I shouldn't have ate that much!)

See sometimes, Just enough is all you need!

Judges 7:4-7

4 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. 5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. 6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. 7 And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

See sometimes, GOD uses just enough, to show you that's all you really need!

(NOTE: Sometimes too much can mess you up!)

Luke 9:13-17

13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people. 14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. 15 And they did so, and made them all sit down. 16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. 17) And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

Just Enough, in the right hands, can give you more than enough.

(NOTE: You just got to have, just enough faith!) In other words, "You got to have something he can work with!"

When they gave JESUS the 5 loaves and 2 fish, that was just enough for GOD to give them a fish fry! (They gave him something to work with and they all left there with fish Po-Boys!)

When the two blind men told JESUS that they believed they would see, that was just enough for them to receive their sight! (They gave him something to work with!)

See, you have to give GOD something to work with, if you want GOD to work for you! (NOTE: He doesn't need a lot, he needs just enough!)

1 Kings 17:13-16

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

This is what you need To know that Just enough is more than enough!

BODY:

#1 WHAT LOOKS LIKE YOUR LAST, BECOMES GOD'S NEW STARTING POINT

The widow said:

"I am gathering two sticks..."

She's thinking: **"This is the end."**

But God is thinking: **"This is the beginning."**

She thought she was gathering sticks for her last meal, but She was actually gathering sticks at the beginning of a testimony.

That's a word for somebody: **You may think you're at the end because you can't see beyond what you're holding**, But God sees beyond your present circumstances.

Your resources may have reached their limit, but God's resources have not.

THE SAME BARREL THAT REPRESENTED HER SHORTAGE BECAME A REMINDER OF GOD'S PROVISION!

The same oil that seemed insufficient became part of the miracle.

And the woman who expected to die, didn't run out of food.

#2 DON'T LET FEAR KEEP YOU FROM LIVING IN FAITH!

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This woman was fearful that she and her son was about die!

So the Prophet spoke to her fear because

2 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

So he spoke to her fear and challenged her to live by faith.

And today I'm prophetically speaking to some of you who are fearful about the lack, the problem, the situation, the circumstance in your life, GOD said you shall not die, but live!

#3 YOU HAVE TRY GOD TO TRUST!

The only way you can truly trust GOD, is to try GOD!!!

(NOTE: You can't trust anything, you haven't tried before!)

Psalm 34:18

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Try GOD and see how good he is!

And when you try GOD, you're showing GOD that you trust him, and he can't help but to bless you!

Malachi 3:10 KJV

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10 MSG

Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.

GOD said, "TRY ME" and see won't I blow your mind!

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When you try GOD, he'll turn your just enough, into more than enough!

CONCLUSION:

#4 THANK GOD FOR WHAT YOU HAVE!

When you learn to Thank GOD for just enough, you'll realize that 'just enough', is more than 'not enough' AND 'nothing at all'!

(QUESTION) Do you know how many people wish they were in your shoes and not their own?

Do you know how many people wish they had just enough?

(NOTE: And you're messed up, because you have just enough!)

QUOTE: "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never have enough" — Oprah Winfrey

If you spend all your time thinking about what you don't have, you'll never appreciate what you do have!

Ephesians 5:20

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!