

### Something from nothing 2 Kings 4



"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." C.S. Lewis <u>The Problem of Pain</u>

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#### **Great Loss 1**

- Husband has died
- Widow of Obadiah? No Matter 'son of the Prophets'

Walk WITH /// 0

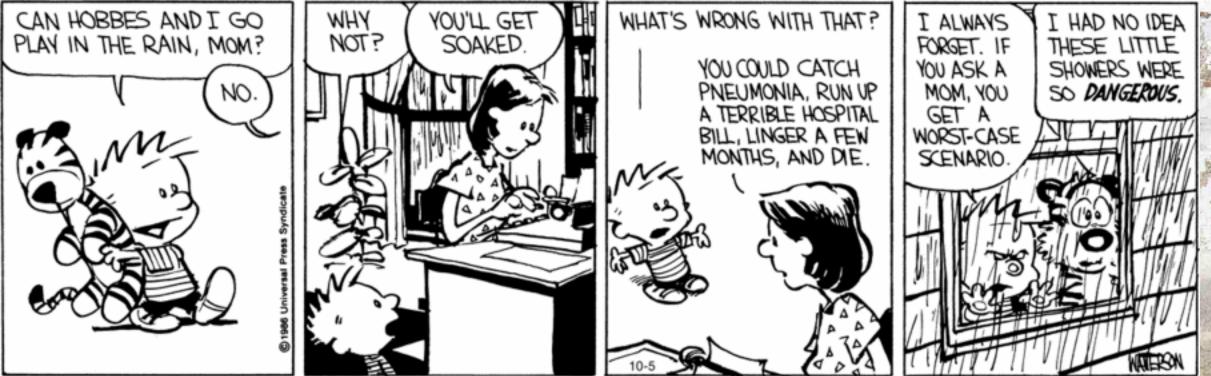
- Expectations be good or do good = get good?
  - Expect God's love
  - Seek God's blessings
  - Do God's will
- Grieve but not like ....

True faith is not risking <u>anything</u> for God - true faith is risking <u>everything</u> for God.



1 Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD; and the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves."

#### **WORST CASE SCENARIO**



Elijah - "that we may eat it and die." Elisha - "take my two children to be his slaves." Walk WITH ////

#### **Great Debt 1**

Death - caused great hardship Debt - caused great burden Desperation - caused great fear



Expecting something from nothing is a miracle expecting something from Someone is Grace!



2 Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil."

3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels at large for yourself from all your neighbors, *even* empty vessels; do not get a few.



4 And you shall go in and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour out into all these vessels, and you shall set aside what is full."

5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons; they were bringing *the vessels* to her and she poured.



#### Great Help 2-5

Possess - what do you have? God only asks from what He gives! Pots - God's great supply We cannot out serve God! People - cannot do this alone! 1+1+1+1+1+1=7Walk WITH 1/10 2-4-8-16-32-64-128

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1



#### **STOP?** When it rained the meal and oil ceased - Elijah When all full the oil ceased - Elisha When purpose is fulfilled - signs ceased - Acts

## "Faith expects from God what is beyond all expectation." Andrew Murray



6 When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not one vessel more." And the oil stopped.



7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you *and* your sons can live on the rest."

#### **Great Blessing 6,7**

Stop - God's blessings for His purposeSell - satisfy your word - keep as you wish kept!Supply - beyond our expectations



"Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand." Augustine



What is in your house? Widow - last vial oil What is in your basket? Little boy - small lunch What is in your hand? Moses - stick Is it the LORD'S?

# You cannot say that an untested faith is strong!

