

I. When The Blade of Difficulty Cuts You (1)

“Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.”

II. When The Voice of Hope Speaks To You (2)

A. God’s spokesman offered possibility (2a) - “And Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you?””

B. God’s way faces reality (2b) - “Tell me; what have you in the house?””

C. God’s plan confronts improbability (2c) - “And she said, “Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.””

III. When Steps of Obedience Are Communicated To You (3-4)

A. Initiative (3a) - “Then he said, **“Go outside...””**

B. Humility (3b) - “...borrow vessels from all your neighbors...”

C. Expectation (3c) - “...empty vessels and not too few.”

D. Faith (4) - “Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons, and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside.”

IV. When The Time For Action Finds You (5-7)

A. We must enter into the process via faith (5a) - “So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons...”

B. We must remain committed to the process via trust (5b-6a) - “...as she poured they brought the vessels to her. 6 When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.”

C. God will honor the process via love (6b-7) - “And he said to her, “There is not another.” Then the oil stopped flowing. 7 She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest.”

“My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” - **Ephesians 4:19**

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.” - **Proverbs 3:9-10**

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” - **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**