Unreasonable Faith, Unusual Results

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Matt. 6:33

Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

Romans 1:17 NKJV

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

2 Cor 5:7 NKJV

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

The Unusual

I have never seen someone do the usual and then God moved in a remarkable fashion. If you just do what you usually do, then all you will have is an extension of what you already have in your life. But, if you will move into the unusual, you will move into that realm where God works! The unusual moves you into the supernatural.

Jer. 33:3

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

1 Kings 3:4

Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

Text:

2Kings 4:1-7 NKJV

A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves." ² So 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 but a jar of oil." ³ Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few.

⁴ And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."

⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured *it* out. ⁶ Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "*There is* not another vessel." So the oil ceased. 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 live on the rest."

1. Break the **poverty spirit** off your thinking!

Vs. 2, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house..."

The spirit of poverty:

- Focuses on what you don't have
- Puts blinders over believer's eyes
- Puts fear in the hearts of believers
- Sees itself as a victim

God is not limited by what you have, but by what you are believing.

Everything we need is right here in the House to reach our city.

2. God Uses the <u>Ordinary</u> to do Something Extraordinary

1 Cor. 12:7 MSG

Each person is given something to do that shows who God is.

3. Go For <u>Empty</u> Vessels – and Not a Few!

This church is designed for people who are empty.

We aren't looking for safe, well-fed, mature believers.

Wm. Booth of the Salvation Army – Go for souls, and go for the worst!

Let's quit living like the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.

Let's set God-sized goals, pursue God ordained passion. Go after a dream that is destined to fail outside of a divine intervention.

4. Shut the Door on <u>Doubt</u>! Matthew 6:6 NKJV

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place;* and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Sometimes I just need to shut the door!

5. <u>Pour</u> Until There is No More!

Act of release activates the law of increase In whatever area you are not giving to God you probably are

experiencing lack.

It is an expression of faith as I release what I possess to create what I've confessed.

Giving up of my present to secure my future.

It says I can trust God.