

Catching His Wind: The Overflow

Those who are willing and obedient experience the fullness of
His goodness and mercy.

All that I Have

“Read Aloud”

2 Kings 4:1-7 New Living Translation

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- We must learn to go after the word of God/wind of God, so that we can know His will, and be empowered to go His way.
- So why did she go to Elisha? He was a man of God, who carried the spirit of God, and the word of God. She needed wind to get out of this terrible situation.
- She came with a testimony that her husband was his servant who feared the Lord. While her husband was alive, God sustained the family through the husband’s relationship with Abba.

- But now! There was a shift from blessing to lack, from more than enough to not enough. They were forced to live off credit and not the debt must be paid or the sons would be sold into slavery.
- This was a godly woman, from a godly family, who needed help. So where did she turn to?

- **Psalm 121 New Living Translation**

1 I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! 3 He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. 4 Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. 5 The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. 6 The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. 7 The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. 8 The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

- She went to the man of God because she needed help from God. She went to the men of God to which her husband was connected.
- So what does Elisha say to the widow of his servant?

2 Kings 4:2 New Living Translation

2 “What can I do to help you?” Elisha asked. “Tell me, what do you have in the house?” “Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil,” she replied.

- **“All that I have in my house is a jar of oil.”**
- Whatever Elisha says next will be wind! What’s in the wind? God’s word, will, and way!
- What two things must we be to catch the wind of God? Willing and obedient!
- When you wait on the Lord, by trusting in Him, He will renew your strength causing you to rise like an eagle, out of weariness and despair.

Shut the Door Behind You

2 Kings 4:3-4 New Living Translation

3 And Elisha said, “Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors. 4 Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled.”

- **“Go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you!”**
- She was told to go into her house, with the very thing she was afraid of losing, which was her sons, and shut them in!
- **“Shut the door behind you!”**
- We must catch the wind and close the door behind us! Get God’s word, will, and way and then shut the door behind you!
- The purpose of doors: security, privacy, ownership, protection from the elements, controls access to the home, separation between inside and outside, keeps out pests, and a noise barrier. The closed door represents finality, end of discussion.
- Locked in with God! God in the world out. Faith in, fear out!

Matthew 6:5-6 New Living Translation

5 “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

Philippians 4:4-9 New Living Translation

4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! 5 Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.[a] 6 Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

- If we want the overflow we must be willing and obedient!
- Shut the door on anything to do with worry, then pray about everything!

Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

- His peace will be a door of security guarding your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus/ the door!
- Get in Christ and close the door behind you!

8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. **(Now that the door is closed to worry, and you’ve prayed.)** Fix your thoughts **(Think on these**

things closing the door to every other thought) on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. 9 Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

- What happens when we try to focus our lives on Jesus but don't close the door?

Matthew 14:22-32 New Living Translation

22 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. 23 After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. 24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. 25 About three o'clock in the morning[a] Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" 27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here![b]" 28 Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." 29 "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong[c] wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. 31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" 32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

The Overflow

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- She did what? What she was told.
- The word came and she caught the wind, through her willingness and obedience!

- As she began to move in willingness and obedience the miracle moved!

Verse 5 continued..

Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another. 6 Soon every container was full to the brim! "Bring me another jar," she said to one of her sons. "There aren't any more!" he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing.

- We must pay attention to what she did after the miracle.
- She went back to the source of the wind.
- She presented herself back into the presence of God, for more wind, more word, more direction.

7 When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, "Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over."

- Go pay your debts and live off the overflow!
- Jesus has done more than pay our sin debt with His life!

John 10:10 Amplified Bible

10 The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

- We have a decision to make and then we must shut the door.
- Matthew 6:24 New Living Translation
- "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.
- If you want to receive the life God offers you must choose to follow His word, His will, and His ways.
- Jesus Christ must be the lord over your life fully, and shut the door on everything else. This is how to receive and contain the overflow of His goodness and mercy.
- **"Lord, I desire for your goodness and mercy to overflow in my life!"**
- Then make Him your shepherd, the only one you obey, catch His wind and close the door

Psalm 23 New King James Version

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not [a]want. 2 He makes me to lie down in [b]green pastures; He leads me beside the [c]still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will [d]dwell in the house of the Lord [e]Forever.

Psalm 23:5 New King James Version

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

- The widow was in the presence of her enemies.
- The debt collectors were ready and legally able to take her sons.
- God prepared a table in the presence of the problem.
- Multiplied the oil she already had until it could not be contained.
- He is our oil, but we must be willing and obedient.

Ephesians 5:17-18 Amplified Bible

17 Therefore do not be foolish and thoughtless, but understand and firmly grasp what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the [Holy] Spirit and constantly guided by Him.