



# Welcome!

**SERIES: MORE THAN US**

*Today's Message: God Makes Less More*

*Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor*

**PRAYER:** Generous God, thank you for placing your hand on our lives, reminding us that you are always with us. Although sometimes we find ourselves in places of uncertainty, despair, and desperation, we are grateful for the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Continue to bless us with your strength, your patience, your grace, and humility as we bring what you have provided and present it to you. May our little become much as we place in your hands. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**ICEBREAKER:** If you are at an all-you-can eat buffet, what part of the buffet would you go to first? 2) What is the most unusual food you have ever tried? What is your favorite restaurant and why?

**MESSAGE RECAP:** 2 Kings 4 begins with a woman who was married to one of the sons of the prophets. She was in a conundrum, dealing with the death of her husband. The problem was that her husband died owing money. His creditors were after her for the balance, they were going to make her two son's slaves until the debt was paid. She had less than she needed, so she went to Elisha for help. After a few inquiries, Elisha offered her a plan, which as it turns out not only met her need but supplied her family for the future. God took her less and made it more. God is able to do the same for each of us.

**SCRIPTURE:** Read 2 Kings 4:1-7 (NIV)

## **DISCUSSION:**

1. **What was your biggest takeaway from the message?** What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. The widow in our story was arguably tenacious in her desire for help. When hard times come your way, are you naturally inclined to fight or take flight? Pray & fast or sulk & whine? Endure the pain or work like crazy to find a way out?
3. Pastor Watson suggested during the message that the widow might have been initially vague about her prayer need. Do you find yourself being very specific during prayer or do you generalize your requests to God, (e.g.: *Lord bless the world and let us all be happy someday....*). What advantages are there to being specific in prayer? Any negatives?
4. In the story, God worked with the "little jar of oil" the widow already had present in her home. What opportunity, relationships, or physical items are currently present in your life that God might be intending to use?



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5. This widow experienced God's power in a big way, in private, but it's outworking was very public in that she was able to pay off her debtors and live on the rest. What are some private prayers you've prayed that God answered in a big public way?
6. It was suggested during the message that, had the widow and her sons known the little jar of oil wouldn't stop flowing, they would have secured more jars. If you knew for certain that this month was an "open-heaven-season" and your prayers would be answered, what would be your prayer? And if you already have one, would it be different?

**CHALLENGE:** What is one "a-ha" moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

**SERVE:** How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org). You can also connect with us on social media at [facebook.com/myspbc](https://facebook.com/myspbc), [instagram.com/myspbc](https://instagram.com/myspbc) and [twitter.com/MySPBC\\_online](https://twitter.com/MySPBC_online). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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## We Care!

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NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

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