

5-Day Devotional: "Making Room"

Day 1: Faithful and Still in the Fire

Reading: 2 Kings 4:1-2

The widow cries out to Elisha, identifying herself as one who feared the Lord even in the middle of devastating loss.

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Faithfulness does not come with a guarantee that life will be painless. The widow in this passage was connected to a household that honored God, and yet grief and debt still found her door. This is one of the most honest truths in Scripture: you can love God deeply and still walk through seasons that feel unbearable. The danger in believing otherwise is that when difficulty arrives, it can feel like abandonment. But her story reframes the question. The issue was never whether she would suffer. The issue was where she would turn when she did. She turned toward the man of God. She brought her crisis to the right place. Faithfulness does not exempt you from trouble. Faithfulness gives you somewhere to go when trouble comes. Today, resist the temptation to measure God's love by the absence of difficulty. Instead, ask yourself whether your first response in a crisis is to run toward God or away from Him.

Personal Reflection: What crisis are you currently carrying that you have not yet fully brought before God? What has been holding you back from taking it to Him?

Practical Application: Write down the specific burden you are carrying right now. Then, in prayer, place it before God the way the widow placed her situation before Elisha – honestly, completely, and with expectation.

Day 2: What Is Already in Your House

Reading: Exodus 4:1-5

God asks Moses what is in his hand, and what Moses considered ordinary becomes the instrument through which God demonstrates extraordinary power.

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Before God does something new, He often directs our attention back to what He has already placed in our hands. Moses had a rod. The widow had a jar of oil. A young boy had five loaves and two fish. In each case, the person holding the resource did not recognize its potential. They saw limitation. God saw a starting point. One of the most significant questions you can sit with today is not "What do I need God to give me?" but rather "What has God already given me that I have been overlooking?" Your gift, your testimony, your experience, your relationships, and your available time are all resources. The problem is rarely that God has given us nothing. The problem is often that we have dismissed what we have because it does not look like enough. God specializes in taking what people overlook and using it to accomplish what people could never imagine. Do not disqualify what is already in your hands simply because it does not look sufficient.

Personal Reflection: What has God already placed in your life that you have been minimizing or ignoring because it does not seem significant enough?

Practical Application: Make a written inventory of your gifts, experiences, and available resources. Pray over that list and ask God to show you how He might want to use what you already have.

Day 3: Gathering the Vessels -- Preparing Your Capacity

Reading: Joshua 3:1-5

Joshua instructs Israel to sanctify themselves before they witness God part the Jordan River. Preparation precedes the miracle.

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There is a pattern woven throughout Scripture that is easy to miss if you are only looking for the miracle. Before the Jordan parts, Israel prepares. Before the oil multiplies, the widow gathers vessels. In both cases, preparation comes before provision. This is not coincidence. It is a principle. God often moves in response to the preparation of His people – not because He is waiting on us to earn something, but because preparation is an act of faith. When you gather the vessels

before the oil flows, you are declaring that you believe God is going to do what He said He would do. The number of vessels the widow gathered represented the size of her expectation. Elisha's instruction was clear: do not gather just a few. In other words, do not limit what you are prepared to receive. Today, consider whether your prayers and your preparation are aligned. You cannot ask God for more while refusing to make room for more.

Personal Reflection: In what area of your life are you asking God for increase while your preparation suggests you are not truly expecting it?

Practical Application: Identify one specific area where God has been prompting you to prepare. Take one concrete step today— not when you see the miracle, but before it.

Day 4: So She Went -- The Move from Intention to Action

Reading: James 2:14-18

Faith without corresponding action is described as incomplete. Genuine belief produces visible response.

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Two of the most powerful words in 2 Kings 4 are found in verse 5: "So she went." There is no recorded argument. No negotiation. No list of reasons why the instructions did not make practical sense. She received a word and she responded to it. This is where preparation becomes real. You can hear about preparation, take notes about preparation, and speak about what you are planning to do – and remain completely unprepared if you never move. Intention is not preparation. Action is preparation. The widow could not multiply the oil. That was God's part. But she could gather the vessels, shut the door, and begin to pour. And she did. There is a moment in every season of faith where what you believe must begin to affect what you do. Noah built the ark. Israel sanctified themselves and followed the Ark into the water. The widow went. What is the last instruction God gave you that you have been sitting on rather than obeying?

Personal Reflection: Is there a specific step of obedience you have been delaying? What has been keeping you from moving forward?

Practical Application: Identify one thing God has already spoken to you about that requires action. Do not wait for another confirmation. Take the step today and trust God with the outcome.

Day 5: Sell the Oil -- Stewarding What God Provides

Reading: Luke 16:10-12

Faithfulness in small things is presented as the foundation for being entrusted with greater responsibility.

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After the supernatural happened, the story was not over. God miraculously multiplied the oil, but Elisha's final instruction to the widow was practical: go sell the oil, pay the debt, and live on the rest. God did what only He could do, and then the widow had to do what she could do. This is a critical distinction that is easy to miss in moments of celebration. God's supernatural provision does not eliminate our responsibility to steward what He provides. The blessing was not meant simply to be experienced. It was meant to be managed. This is true of every gift God places in your hands -- whether it is a resource, an opportunity, a relationship, a platform, or a season of favor. Receiving something and faithfully carrying it are two entirely different things. The goal is not simply to receive more from God. The goal is to become someone God can trust with more. Today, do not just pray for increase. Pray for the character, discipline, and wisdom to faithfully steward whatever God chooses to entrust to you.

Personal Reflection: What has God already given you that you have celebrated but not yet stewarded faithfully? Where is God calling you to move from receiving to managing?

Practical Application: Choose one area of your life – finances, relationships, gifts, or time -- and make a specific plan for how you will steward it more faithfully this week. Ask God to build in you the character required to carry what He is preparing to release.