

EVERY EMPTY VESSEL

10-26-25

I want to ask you a question this morning: how much room/space in your life do you give for the Holy Spirit to fill?

Here's a fact church, we always have far more available to us than we think, but will you offer it to the Lord is the question

2 Kings 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."

This whole week I have been reminded of all God has done for me and filled with gratitude for all His blessings!

Empty vessels are opportunities for the Spirit to fill!

This morning I only asked you to bring one jar but what if you had more empty vessels. Could God fill them? Maybe that extra isn't just to sustain you but to fill other empty vessels

Do you ever really think about is my life really impacting others around me for Christ?

Church, there are empty vessels everywhere, all around us, but what are we doing to collect them?

Let's look at this passage:

v. 1,2

At least this widow knew where to turn, she came to the prophet for help

Church where we place our expectations determines whether we receive a miracle

The major battles in life are spiritual so there must be spiritual resources for things to change!

Phil 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

When we start looking to God in our trials then we stop rehearsing our complaints and faith begins to see things differently

v. 2

Elisha said what do you have in the house?

He was actually trying to help her see that God had already given her the beginning of a miracle, even though it wasn't much

Church it's easy to say 'I have nothing' but it took faith to say nothing in my house but a small jar of oil!

May be small compared to the need, one seemingly insignificant jar of oil, but nevertheless a small possibility when put in God's hands!

Faith doesn't deny the situation, no it just acknowledges that all things are possible with God!

This woman's eyes of faith saw a miracle in the making, what little she had was already in her house

Matt 17:20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your ^aunbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

What do you have today that God could work through?

v. 3

Elisha told her go borrow empty vessels from everywhere and don't just gather a few

See church, faith is not faith until you do something – action is required

She had a choice, move forward in faith or shrink back in unbelief

Unbelief is not expressed so much by what people do but instead what they do not do!

Church, we must not limit God's ability to provide, He said get all the vessels you can find and I will fill them

v. 4-6

Here she has all these vessels and he told her to shut the door on unbelief and to be deaf to doubt

He said you provide the vessels and God will fill them!

She poured and poured and poured until there were no more vessels so the oil stopped

She provided the effort and God provided the miracle!

If she would have had 10, 20, or 100 more vessels would God have filled them? Yes, the oil didn't stop until there were no more empty vessels!

Many times church we never see the miraculous in our lives because we're only willing to give Him a small part of our vessel. We only give Him a small amount of room to operate!

Don't you know God gets tired of us asking Him for more when you only have as much room as you provide vessels to pour into!

v. 7

Do you see what happened? What they collected paid their debt and provided for her family to live on the rest!

I only asked each of you to bring one jar each this morning. But what about all the visitors or people who didn't get the message

The lesson this morning for us don't just bring enough to sustain you, but bring every vessel you can find so the overflows on everyone around you!

If this woman would have had more empty vessels she might have had enough to sustain others not just her family

The oil represents the Holy Spirit and church, as long as we bring empty vessels He's going to keep filling them!

The oil of the Spirit will pour out until there are no more vessels!

