

RUNNING ON EMPTY

The background of the image is a dense collection of various terracotta and ceramic vessels. These include several large amphorae with two handles, smaller jugs with single handles, and various bowls and smaller vessels. The colors range from light tan and beige to darker, more weathered browns and greys. The vessels are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and abundance, filling the entire frame.

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2 Kings 4:1-7

4 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.”

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10. We are a People of God and Have Received Mercy 1 Peter 2:10

6 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.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

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