

God Only Needs a Little

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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1 Kings 17:8-16 tells a story about a widow who had nothing left in her life but a handful of flour and a little oil in a jar. We might find ourselves in similar situation, having little left in some areas of our life- financially, mentally, or spiritually. Yet, we need to understand that God often purposely uses only a little to do big things.

- In the society of the widow in the story, women are very dependent on men to live; thus, being a widow with a child to take care of is very hard. As if that was not hard enough, the woman lives in Zarepath, a gentile nation.
- When the brook dried up, God took Elijah somewhere else to experience a miracle. Whenever we are running empty, we know that God has already prepared us for another miracle and our next breakthrough. Elijah traveled with the belief that God was true to His promise and had already provided for him.
- How will God bring us to our next breakthrough? He did it to Elijah through *limitations*. If the brook did not dry up, Elijah would have never left that spot and met the widow.
- We have an awesome God who can use something in our life that we thought is almost nothing. From that little that we have, He can do wonders. He can even make us a channel of blessings even with the little that we have.
- God sent Elijah to someone who had none to show that He only needs a little to do big things. Elijah's response when the widow told him that she had nothing was "*do not be afraid.*" He had this confidence because he had the promise of God even before he got there. Just like with Elijah, God had already given us His provision even before we started running low.
- Elijah's request to the woman to feed him first was not a selfish request but rather an untroubled request. He had no idea how God would provide, but Elijah knew that God is faithful with His Word, and that His plans have always been good. Whenever we feel we are

running empty, give God our untroubled request.

- Trusting God is often difficult, especially if what we are seeing is opposite to what He says. Yet the widow put her trust in Him, and when she made something with the little that she had, God produced more with it.
- We usually do not like little things, but God likes little and only needs a little to work His marvels and wonders for us. He sent a Savior not in the form of a superhero but as a baby. He used Gideon, a farmer, to start a nation.
- God likes it when we come to Him with a little bit because it gives Him something to fill.
- The widow obeyed God and God honored His promise. He is good at His Word in that situation, and is also good at His Word in our situation. Our duty is to trust and obey God.
- To catch the big things from the little that we have, we need to surrender those little things to God. All David had was a sling and few stones, yet after laying it at the hand of God, it killed Goliath. All Moses had was a shepherd's staff, yet it was able to part the Red Sea. The little boy's five pieces of fish and two loaves of bread at the hand of Jesus fed 5000 men. From our nothingness, let us not be afraid to give the Lord the little that we have. The little we have at the hands of God will never run out.

Conclusion:

There was always enough. We are always enough. Even in the little things in our life, there will always be enough because Jesus is enough. We will never run out, so let us not be afraid and put our trust in God. Let us stop putting limitations on what God can do with those little situations that we have. God only needs a little to do something big in our lives.

Reflection:

- 1.) Are you going to hold on to that little that you have, or are you going to pour out all of it to God?

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