



### Elisha and the Widow's Oil

1 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." 2-Kings 4:1-7

Just because we serve God and fear him it doesn't mean that there will have no challenges and obstacles in our life. However God is ready to help and save those that put their trust in him.

*"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all." Psalm 34:19*

### 1. Don't focus on what you lost, focus on what you have left

Crying over what is lost won't make those things come back, but focusing on what is left can keep your faith up and prepare the ground for a miracle

God will do a miracle with what is left not with what was lost.

Don't disregard the little that you have because God needs it to create your next miracle.

Prophet Elijah and the widow - give me what you have and flour and oil will not cease.  
(1 Kings 17:13)

Jesus used 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to feed the multitudes. (Matthew 14:13-21)

Find an area in your life that has a little bit of oil and focus on it.

## 2. Shut the door behind you - prayer life

*"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:6*

If you want to be more like Jesus, then PRAY. He prayed when He was on earth and now He prays for us in heaven *"Christ Jesus who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." Romans 8:34*

### **Jesus prayed**

- Mornings *"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Mark 1:35*

- In public *"As he was praying, heaven was opened" Luke 3:21*

- Nights *"In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God." Luke 6:12*

Prayer gives a license for the Holy Spirit and Gods angels to operate in our life.

Prayer demonstrates our dependency on God and our trust in Him *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6*

*"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

### Pray to avoid temptations.

*"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41*

### Prayer is the place to unload our burdens, not on social media or through addictive substances.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6*

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24*

### God rewards publicly what is done in private.

*"your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:6*

*"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Luke 11:9*

*"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." Jeremiah 33:3*

He who kneels before God can stand before men.

### **3. Give God your empty vessels**

Too often the only thing we bring to God is our problems. Bring Him your dreams, visions, images and ideas.

Many pray to God for a miracle, but their mind is filled with misery; They pray for breakthrough but their mind is broke and they pray for healing but their mind is sick.

Dreams, visions and images are the language of the Holy Spirit

Images in our mind are the vessels that Holy Spirit wants to fill.

### **BORROW A VISION**

If you don't have an empty vessel then borrow it.

Don't live your life without vision. *Where there is no vision, the people perish. Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)*

Sometimes we just don't have enough vessels. Borrow it from others. Look to your neighbor's testimony of salvation, healing, deliverance and breakthrough to build an image of what God can do.

Its better to have a room of empty vessels, then an empty room.

Don't pray empty minded. Keep positive images and vision in your mind as you pray.

Bring your "vessels" when anointing is flowing.

In the moments when you get breakthrough in your private prayer don't be to quick to leave. Instead present your vessel(visions, dreams, ideas, positive images) for oil(God's presents and His anointing) to fill it.

Take advantage of those moments. When Gods anointing is flowing, position your "vessel" to be filled with oil.

In private prayer, don't leave to quick. In the moments when you get breakthrough in prayer stay in longer and present your vessels to God