



**Turning a Little
Into a Lot!
2Kings 4:1-7**



Observations



- Here is a child of God with a big problem (this is not unusual, but nothing is too hard for God)
Genesis 18:14
- Her husband was a faithful servant of the Lord, (verse 1), who had created a debt, but had died
- He passed, not having paid off his debt, for which she now was responsible
- She also had two sons, whom the law allowed the creditor to keep, to help to pay off the debt (Leviticus 25:39-41). He was coming to execute the law on her children



Observations



- ▶ **The creditor had every right to take her children and execute the Law of Moses**
Sometimes God waits until you see no way out to reveal to you His size!
- ▶ **In need of a financial blessing, she asks for Godly help (so should we, whether social, financial, medical, career help, etc.)**
- ▶ **It does help if you are faithful to God when in trouble (Psalms 91:14-16)**
- ▶ **This woman turned to the God she had served (*her* relationship with God was important, remember her husband was already deceased).**



Observations

- Elisha responded to the woman first, by asking, “*What shall I do for you?*”
- Elisha was a Godly leader, who was interested in her fallen circumstances, and she was relying on his relationship with God too!
- Godly leaders are expected by their followers to have a “*spiritual pipeline*” that is functional

Elisha's Second Question:

***“Tell me, what do you have
in your house?”***

- Notice that her answer focuses on what she lacks or doesn't have

*“Your maidservant has nothing in the house
but a jar of oil.”*

- *“I don't have anything, but a part time job.”*
- *“I don't have anything, but an old beat up car.”*
- *“I don't have anything, but an apartment.”*

ADD GOD TO EACH OF THESE EQUATIONS!



Observations

- Elisha asked the woman to borrow vessels from her neighbors (notice that her sons participated)
- Elisha challenges her faith by asking her to participate in the blessing she was about to receive (God didn't let her family just sit there)
- God is willing to work with us if we are willing to work with him
- Sometimes we have to assume some responsibility for what we create

PARTICIPATION CREATES APPRECIATION!



***“And when you have come in,
you shall shut the door behind
you and your son;.....”***

To shut out the world , she shut herself in with God!

**There are some things that God's people need in this
world in which *God Calls For Our Intimacy With Him!***

This blessing was not due to the neighbor's generosity

**This blessing was not for the creditor, who was on his
way, (to see how she got the oil)**

This blessing was for the family of obedient faith

Now her family, including her children, had a testimony



Observations

- ▶ Elisha was not there in the house when the blessing came
- ▶ His instructions to the woman; *“Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest.”*

This was sudden relief.

This was lasting relief.

This was not a public demonstration but a private provision!





***This Is Why Children
Of God Can Go To
God With Our Empty
Vessels Of Every
Need!***

Philippians 4:19



The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38