

January 2016, Day 23

THEME: The Just Shall Live By Faith

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: "Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbours for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. [4] Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side."... [6] When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. [7] She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left." – 2 Kings 4:1-7

TITLE: "Get The Empty Jars"

1. **"GO"**: In the New Testament many received their healing in the command: "GO!" Mark 10:52 says, "And Jesus said unto him, *Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.*" Luke 17:19 says, "And he said unto him, *Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*"
2. **ALL YOUR NEIGHBOURS**: Those that will witness the testimony - God will do great things in the presence of your enemies. God will do the miraculous in the presence of family and common friends. They are the ones who will affirm: "This is the Lord."
3. **DON'T ASK FOR A FEW**: The widow had the oil but, she lacked capacity. The miracle lies in the multiplication of the capacity. Many do

not know what they have because they lack capacity. Enlarge your capacity. Ask, but ask big. Make the devil nervous instead of just believing for your healing; ask God for a hospital.

4. **SHUT THE DOOR BEHIND YOU**: When you walk in faith there is a world behind you that must be locked out. There is no crowd in the maternity room; only those who can be trusted with your baby. Only three went to the mount of transfiguration; only three at Gethsemane. Many miracles are birthed behind closed doors. Faith is warfare. Spiritual warfare takes place in a war zone where no spectators are allowed.
5. **POUR OIL INTO THE JARS**: Oil in the jars, but still no increase. . . .Start pouring. The miracle is in obedience to the fullest. Had she not started pouring those jars, they would have stayed empty. I wonder how many did not experience the fullness of God's supply because they did not pour out.
6. **AS EACH IS FILLED, PUT ONE ASIDE**: The gift of administration: "Put one aside" Before Jesus fed the crowds with fish and bread he commanded them to sit down in groups of 50 and 100. The gift of administration paves the way for the miraculous to be done in divine order. No chaos or confusion, but divine order. Disorder in business and ministry can prevent the flow. Many have experienced the provision but the supply stopped in their lives because of violation of God's order. When there is no order you cannot control the losses/shrinkage. A small leak can sink a big ship. Put in place audits, accountability processes to keep record of the many blessings God gave you. Be a good steward and the blessing will flow and continue to flow.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

7. **WHEN THE JARS WERE FULL:** She called her sons. Remember these sons were the ones who were ready to be sold as slaves! When the jars were full she called on her son for more. . . “Not a jar left,” he replied. WOW! I can only imagine the revelation, the excitement in this boy: “Does this mean I am free? Does this mean the end of slavery? Are we in business? Are we in commodities, the oil business? “Mother, are you serious?” Obedience to faith can set your children free from poverty and the generational stronghold of poverty.
8. **THERE ARE NO JARS LEFT:** Whatever we bring to God, He will fill up. We dare not limit Him. I am sure this woman stood in awe and said: “I should have brought more barrels!” Mark 4:24 says, “With the same measure you measure it will be measured back unto you. Years ago I Invested in shares that increased by more than 100%. How I wished that I invested more!
9. **THE OIL STOPPED FLOWING:** God will not give you more than you can handle. In Matthew 25 we read that He gave each according to their capacity: one, two and five talents of money.
10. **GO SELL, PAY YOUR DEBT, SO YOU AND YOUR SONS CAN LIVE:**
Going to sell is the start of many a great business. The miracle was great, but the provision came in ‘go sell.’ Many are too full of pride to “go sell”. The first level of wisdom in finances is “get out of debt” before you start living in comforts.

What struck me was that we must enlarge our capacity to receive. We should ask big, very big and make the devil nervous. Instead of just believing for our healing, we should ask God for a hospital!

1. Before you start living in comfort the instruction is:
2. Go sell!
3. Go pay your debt!
4. Go and live!

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