

THE WIDOW'S OLIVE OIL

2 Kings 4:1-7 NIV

1 The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves."

2 Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil."

3 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."

5 She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring.

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."

1. Have you ever had an "aha" moment, where you discovered the real purpose of something?

2. What is the value of understanding that the church is more than just a building?

3. The woman in the story reached out to someone in one of her toughest seasons in life. Why do we often struggle to reach out to others when we are in a difficult season?

4. The woman in the story trusted Elisha's instruction despite how absurd it sounded. What can we learn from her bold faith?

5. No matter who you are or what you've done, Jesus invites YOU to be the church. What do you think is "the little bit of oil" in your life, that God can use to make a difference during this season?

THINKING POINTS



NEXT STEPS

1. PRAY: God, reveal to me, what is that little bit that You want to use? What is that little bit that You want me to surrender, that You can use to make a difference?

2. Be faithful! Trust Him. Put that little bit to use.