

FAITH IN THE FACE OF FAMINE

2 KINGS 4:1-7 (NLT)

“One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, ‘My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the Lord. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves.’ ‘What can I do to help you?’ Elisha asked. ‘Tell me, what do you have in the house?’ ‘Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil,’ she replied. And Elisha said, ‘Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors. Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled.’ So she did as she was told. Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another. Soon every container was full to the brim! ‘Bring me another jar,’ she said to one of her sons. ‘There aren’t any more!’ he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing. When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, ‘Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over.’”

ALSO READ 2 KINGS 4:38-44

REFLECT & EXAMINE:

1) What is an example in your life of how you have “stopped putting out the jars” because you thought there was no more oil?

2) Is your view of God limited to your own human calculations? Do you find yourself limiting God or presupposing what God may or may not do in this or that situation?

3) As you are approaching your **MVMT** commitment decision, have you “departed from your spreadsheet” for a minute to consider what God might do outside of your limited expectations if you were to choose Him over fear?

4) As you consider your **MVMT** commitment, what will have to be different in your life in order for you to prioritize a commitment like this and take ownership of it?

5) Do you trust that Jesus is more than enough? Do you trust God to be your provider? Do you live in a way that displays a belief in God to provide? Would you say you live in a ‘scarcity mindset’ — afraid that there will not be enough, or an ‘abundance mindset’, believing that God will never leave you without and that in Him, you shall not have need?

PRAY:

Father, silence all created voices and only allow me to hear from the uncreated voice, which is Yours. Lord often times I believe but help me in my unbelief. Jesus would you give me wisdom? May I have your very mind as you call me even deeper. Whatever You ask, Father, may my answer be a quick and resounding YES & AMEN! Help me to remember that all things are because You, consists in You, are from Your hand. I was made through You, by You and for You, so Jesus, move my heart to a place where I'm ready to say 100% that you can have it all. May I boldly step in faith, no matter what fear may try and grip me. Give me clean hands and a pure heart before You, humbly willing to 'step out of the boat' of comfort and convenience. Spirit lead me where my trust is truly without borders.

READING PLAN:

Monday: **Matthew 6:24-34**

Tuesday: **Luke 9:10-17**

Wednesday: **Luke 21:1-4**

Thursday: **2 Corinthians 9:1-15**

Friday: **John 11:1-44**

Saturday: **Psalms 23**

SONGS FOR WORSHIP:

There Is A Cloud — Elevation Worship

Greater Than — Gateway Worship

Over All I Know — Vertical Worship

Bigger Than I Thought — Passion & Sean Curran

Overcome — Elevation Worship

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) — Hillsong United

Follow You Anywhere — Passion & Kristian Stanfill

Watch What He Will Do — Cross Point Music

How Beautiful — Mosaic Worship

Dead Things To Life — Worship Central & Ben Cantelon

Have It All — Bethel Music & Brian Johnson

Still God — Elevation Worship

