

Lent Day 17: Friday, March 10

2 Kings 4:1-7

MULTIPLY THE “LITTLE” YOU HAVE

2 Kings 4:7 (NIV)...*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.”*

When you get the chance read 2 Kings 4:1-7. It is the story of a widow whose story epitomizes our theme of multiply. Because her husband had been a prophet like Elisha, she went to him for assistance in managing the debt collectors who were about to take her sons. After she explains her dilemma to Elisha, he asks, “What’s in your house?” Her response was, “Just a small bottle of olive oil.” After directing her to get jars from all of her neighbors he said, “*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.*”

Once again, we read a story of God multiplying a little and making it a lot. The little bit of oil the woman had become enough to pay all of her debts and secured her retirement. When our focus is on the physical it blinds us from what God is doing in the supernatural. This woman whose husband once spoke for God, had God show up and speak for her. This biblical truth that reminds us “You can’t out give God.” Who knows how faithful that woman’s husband was to the Lord? Was this miracle his payback for serving? We don’t know. What we do know is that God multiplied that widow’s last dime, and she no longer has to worry about her bills. Who doesn’t want that kind of multiplication? These stories always make me think of God in the role of a parent. He loves us so much that he makes sure we lack “no good thing.” (Psalm 34:10) David says he has never seen the righteous forsaken or this seed begging bread (Psalm 37:25). My friends, your God will show up for you.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you. Thank you for caring about us so much that you turn our little into something. In Jesus Name...Amen.