

PRAYER

- Intercede for those you know in your group are in debt.

- Pray for those who are in need that their eyes be opened to look to God as the source for their needs. May they also have the grace to live out His promise of provision.

- Believe God for wisdom on how to turn “idle resources” into productive assets. Pray also for divine ideas and opportunities to access His provision.



VICTORY

Honor God. Make Disciples.

Copyright © 2012

Permission to photocopy this material from Victory® is granted for local church use. This is not for sale.
victory.org.ph

The Oil and the Jar
Week 3

NOTES

CONNECT

- Was there a time in your life when you felt trapped? What happened and how did you overcome the situation?
- How do you usually feel when you are in debt?
- What kind of situation normally causes you to worry? Why?

WORD

³Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. ⁴Then 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.” . . . ⁷She 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 4:3,4,7

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

There are times when we find ourselves in the middle of a difficult situation that is beyond us just like this widow who was in great debt. Yet God made a way for her and her sons to be delivered from debt. Here are some truths from her story that can encourage us to put our faith in God.

- **God is our unlimited source.**

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

We can trust God for our provision because He has the means to provide—He owns everything (Psalm 24:1)! God also assures us in His Word that He is not just able but He is willing to meet our needs as we ask. How have you experienced God as your unlimited source?

- **God is not shaken by our lack or circumstances.**

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.”

2 Kings 4:2

The widow’s dilemma may seem huge, but God addressed it readily through Elijah. And it wasn’t just her debt that was paid for but God also provided for the future needs of her family (2 Kings 4:7). What does this tell us about God’s goodness and ability to provide?

- **God is able and willing to deliver us from our troubles.**

³Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. ⁴Then 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.”

2 Kings 4:3,4

Elijah immediately guided the widow with a way that can pay off her debt. She obeyed in faith and received her deliverance. The Bible has many promises of God’s provision and redemption. What should we do in response to these (Matthew 7:7,8; Matthew 21:22)?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- What does Scripture say about debt (Proverbs 22:7)? What does God command us to do about debt (Romans 13:8)?
- How does God’s promise in Hebrews 6:10 encourage us to keep trusting in His ways?
- How has God provided for you in the past? How does this assure you that He will always provide for you in your time of need?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What is your greatest need today? What promise from the Bible can you claim for this? What will you do in response to this promise?
- Who can you pray with this week to ask for God’s provision and deliverance to flow in your lives?
- What thinking do you have that needs to change in light of God being your Provider and Savior? With whom can you share this encouragement this week?