



Part 3: Trust Me...

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2 Kings 4:1-7

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.”

²Elisha 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.”

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.”

⁵She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. ⁶When 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.

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.”

A Series of Real-life Moments

Crisis happens

Creditors don’t care

The question is posed: “What do you have?”

The question is answered: “Nothing”

A realization is made - ...except a small jar of olive oil

An illogical trust request is made: pour oil

A decision is made to trust ...she kept pouring

How can I practically trust the Source, and not the resource?

Track your finances

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. – Proverbs 27:23-24

Return ten percent to its rightful owner

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. – Malachi 3:10

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. – Proverbs 3:9-10

Use good planning to gain victory

The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. – Proverbs 21:5

“...stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.” (Good News Bible) – Proverbs 21:20b

Save for the future

Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow. – Proverbs 13:11

The wise store up choice food and oil. But fools gulp their down.
– Proverbs 21:20

Taste and savor contentment

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” – Hebrews 13:5

**God keeps his promise to those who choose to trust him
and faithfully keep pouring.**

Small Group Questions

- 1) What do you have the most difficulty sharing or being generous with?
- 2) Read 2 Kings 4:1-7. Have you ever experienced a time when you thought you were out of options, but God provided? What did that experience teach you about trust?
- 3) What are you holding on to right now that you need to release to God? A dream? A relationship? A grudge?
- 4) Do you tithe? What’s holding you back?
- 5) The story of the widow is about more than money. What does it teach your soul?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?