



## Ridiculous Provision

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<sup>1</sup> One day the widow of one of the LORD'S prophets said to Elisha, "You know that before my husband died, he was a follower of yours and a worshiper of the LORD. But he owed a man some money, and now that man is on his way to take my two sons as his slaves." <sup>2</sup> "Maybe there's something I can do to help," Elisha said. "What do you have in your house?" "Sir, I have nothing but a small bottle of olive oil." **2 Kings 4:1-2 (CEV)**

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### What Do You Do When You Don't Have Much?

- Stop waiting for what you \_\_\_\_\_ and start working with what you \_\_\_\_\_.

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- Offer God what you \_\_\_\_\_ and trust him to give you what you \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>3</sup> Elisha told her, "Ask your neighbors for their empty jars. And after you've borrowed as many as you can, <sup>4</sup> go home and shut the door behind you and your sons. Then begin filling the jars with oil and set each one aside as you fill it." <sup>5</sup> The woman left. Later, when she and her sons were back inside their house, the two sons brought her the jars, and she began filling them. <sup>6</sup> At last, she said to one of her sons, "Bring me another jar." "We don't have any more," he answered, and the oil stopped flowing from the small bottle. <sup>7</sup> After she told Elisha what had happened, he said, "Sell the oil and use part of the money to pay what you owe the man. You and your sons can live on what is left."

**2 Kings 4:3-7 (CEV)**

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. **2 Corinthians 4:7 (NRSV)**

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Take my first step of faith by receiving Jesus as my Savior and Lord.
- Be willing to empty myself of unimportant things so that God can fill me with what matters most?
- Work with what I have, trusting that God will give me what I need?
- Reread today's story from the life of Elisha, 2 Kings 4:1-7 and meditate on it.