

WEIRD STUFF IN THE BIBLE

The Widow's Oil

- 2nd Kings 4:1-7 _____

- When you don't have what you _____, God is what you
_____!

The Practical Lessons to Dependency Upon God:

1. Stop looking at what you _____.

a. The widow first said that she had nothing at all. Her focus was on what she did not have. We easily fall into comparing ourselves, our material things and our circumstances to what others have.

This leads to worry and anxiety.

2. Start working with what you _____.

a. The widow finished her sentence with “except a jar of olive oil.”

Olive oil was very valuable. She forgot that God can do a lot with a little. When she gave it to Him, He increased it by His power.

b. Matthew 17:20, _____

3. Trust God to provide what you _____.

a. Trusting God is not a theory. Real trust is visible and tangible and shows up in how we live life. He provides when we trust and obey. When something is missing, that is when miracles happen.

We can trust His heart. It is powerful when we trust regardless of circumstances. Dependency is valuable!

- Ephesians 3:14-20, _____

“Lay down your burdens
He’s overcome them.
Bring your greatest mistakes
He’s overcome them.
Surrender your deepest regrets
He’s overcome them.
You have ... Hope.
Hope in the powerful name of Jesus.
Take Heart!
He has overcome the world.
He has overcome sin.
He has overcome the grace.
And in the power of HIS NAME
You are raised to life!”

This week:

- Have you ever experienced a time when God seemed to work a miracle to meet a need in your life or the life of someone else? How did it change your perspective?
- Read 2nd Corinthian 9:8. Not all the words that indicate “completeness, totality.” How can this verse help you where you are currently struggling to see God’s provision and/or love in your life?
- Can you think of a struggle in your life where you should start working with what you have instead of focusing on what you don’t have?
- Do you know someone who is hurting and struggling that you could ask, “How can I help you?”
- What are the differences in looking at God’s hand versus looking at His heart? How can that apply to looking at other people’s hands versus their hearts?
- Read Ephesians 3:14-20. What are some of God’s attributes and how can they help us trust Him more?

- Where do you need to offer God what you have? Where are you holding back from God?
- Where do you need to trust Him to provide? Where do you need to trust Him to grow you?

This week...

- Try to memorize Philippians 4:19, *“My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*
- Try to memorize 2nd Corinthians 9:8, *“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Community Book Exchange** – Third Saturday of every month :: Next date: Saturday, August 15th from 11am to 3pm
- **Yard Sale!** – Donate your stuff to The Gathering Church, Multi-Family Yard Sale to help us raise funds for new equipment! Saturday, August 15th at 8am. Please don't bring your donated items until the week of.
- **Church Clean-Up** – Saturday, August 8th at 9am
- **Bible Study: *Goliath Must Fall*** :: Mondays at 5:00pm
- **Giving** – You can now use Faithlife for Tithes & Offering. It's really easy!



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- **Weekly Prayer**

- Church: Cornerstone Church

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- South Main Development Inc., Peak Performance

- Imaging Solutions

- **Announcement Notes:** _____

