

From Not Enough To More Than Enough

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In **1 Kings 17:8-16**, Elijah is instructed by the Lord to go to Zarephath, where a widow has been commanded to provide for him. Though initially hesitant due to her own scarcity, the widow obeys Elijah's request for food. Miraculously, her flour and oil never run out, sustaining her household through the famine, fulfilling the promise of the Lord spoken through Elijah.

Main Points:

- 1. God is going to use Elijah in the most unlikely place.
- 2. The enemy can't create what God has intended for your life, He can only *imitate*.
- 3. God didn't just send Elijah to an unlikely place, he also sent him to an *unlikely person*.
- 4. God is simply looking for our <u>yes</u> and our <u>obedience</u>. He is asking for us to do the <u>possible</u> and watch God do the <u>impossible</u>. God doesn't call the *qualified*, He qualifies the *called*.
- 5. She looked at what she <u>didn't have</u>. And the prophet encouraged her to look at what she <u>did have</u>.
- 6. So often we can get so fixated on the <u>end result</u> rather than what is in your <u>hand right now</u>.
- 7. He makes our <u>not enough</u>, <u>more than enough</u>.
- 8. We have to make the decision of what we do know about God <u>bigger</u> than what we don't know about the future.



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Group Life Questions

- 1. Reflecting on the widow's initial response of despair, what lessons can we draw about trusting God's provision even when circumstances seem dire?
- 2. Elijah asked the widow to prioritize his needs over her own. How can we reconcile this with our modern understanding of selflessness and serving others?
- 3. Discuss the significance of the widow's obedience despite her lack. How does this demonstrate faith in action?
- 4. In what ways do we encounter situations where we feel we have "not enough" to offer? How does this passage challenge our perspectives on abundance and scarcity?
- 5. How do you interpret the promise made to the widow by Elijah on behalf of the Lord? How can we apply this concept of divine provision in our own lives?
- 6. Explore the theme of hospitality in this passage. How does the widow's hospitality towards Elijah lead to abundance for her household?
- 7. Reflect on instances in your life where you've witnessed God's provision surpassing your expectations. How can these experiences strengthen our faith during times of uncertainty?