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Desperate Situations Call For Desperate Responses

2Kings 4:1-7

In 2012, the housing market crashed. People found themselves in desperate situations. The housing market had risen to levels never before seen. People were able to borrow on homes they could not afford. The lenders had money to give away - so it appeared. Loans were easy to secure, and people bought houses that were beyond their economic limits. It was not until the crash, when the bottom of the housing market fell out, that people felt the pain of what they had done. The people lost everything. They had nothing.

Such was the case with the widow and her two sons in 2 Kings 4. They were losing everything because of the circumstances they found themselves in. The widow was about to lose the roof she lived under and her sons were going to be sold into slavery. The future looked rather dark for them. Jewish law gave the people she owed the right to place her sons in bondage to pay off the debt. This widow, who had lost everything is now about to lose her sons to pay her debt. Not only is she looking down the barrel of ruin and poverty, but she will also be forced to live a life of poverty and loneliness without her sons to take care of her. It seemed as though all was lost.

What do you do when you find yourself in situations that are larger than your faith? What do you do when you're hoping in what you believe is a lost cause? It is in times of desperation that we must turn to God. Times of desperation are defined as times of hopelessness. They are times when fear consumes you to the point that fear is the only voice we hear. In times of

desperation, fear destroys all of your sensibilities. In times of fear, we need to be closer to God, not far from Him. In our moments of desperation we need to seek God's counsel.

It appears as though the widow truly understood her situation required more than she had to work with. It is in her moment of desperation that she cries out to Elisha. In crying out to Elisha, she is crying out to God. She was crying out to God for help. **"God is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think- according the power that works in you." (Ephesians 3:20)** Elisha asks her, "what do you have in your house?" She replies, "not much, just a little oil." Desperate people don't argue, they don't debate, they don't carry on any dialogue. They do what they are told. They do what they are asked to do. When God speaks to desperate people, desperate people respond immediately. When God gives directions, desperate people follow those directions without question. God, in the person of Elisha, was about to take her from emptiness to fullness, from abasement to abounding.

One of the lessons that can be taken from this scripture is that **God can take a little and do great things with the little we have.** Too many people miss their miracle, miss their blessing because they want to argue about the way it is being delivered. How many people do you think would have laughed at Elisha for suggesting that a little bit of oil could make a difference? How many have had prayers answered or lives turned around because all you had was just a little bit of faith? The faith of a Mustard Seed. How often we have not gone to The Father because we thought our concerns were too small or The Father does not care for me enough to even listen to my plea? It does not matter what your situation is. The God I serve can take you from the desert to an Oasis. From the wilderness to the Promised Land. Just remember, "God is able to do more than we ask or think, according to the power (God's power, Faith in God) that works in you."

God bless and remain safe,

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