



## Mission Possible; Living with Faith

### 2 Kings 4:1-7

- i. Have you ever run out of time?
- ii. Have you ever run out of options?
- iii. Have you ever run out of resources?

Here is a lady in our story who was experiencing these things.

- She had lost her husband
- She had no money and big debts
- She was about to lose her two sons

She cried out to the prophet - the man who represented the voice of God!

### **1. Mission possible always starts with what you have.**

verse 2. "Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

- When the man of God asked what she had her response was "I have nothing."

### **Have you ever asked God "If it's Possible"**

**The Bible says that with God all things are possible for those who believe.**

- Possible is a funny word. It means, "capable of happening".

We live in a world where, every day, you and I make subconscious judgments about what is possible.

### **2. God will use our "perceived nothingness" to bring about great things**

- What small insignificant thing are you overlooking that maybe God wants to use in your life?

- Take an inventory of the small things you have and offer them to God

Jesus fed the crowd of 5000 with a small amount of fish and bread.

When God commissioned Moses to lead his people out of Egypt, Moses expressed doubt and asked " what if they don't believe or listen to me? God replied to Moses, what is in your hand?"

He was referring to Moses' staff. From that day on, Moses used that staff to perform many miracles.

David the teenager with only a few stones and a sling defeated a giant who stood against our God. David was victorious.

Gideon who lived in a small town came from a small tribe and was least likely to lead. He took only 300 men and conquered an army too numerous to count.

### **Small things in the hands of our God lead us to Mission Possible.**

- What this woman thought was nothing was about to become everything.

She was told to collect empty jars go inside close the door and begin to fill the jars with oil.

Sometimes we must go inside & **close the door** when we need to close out all the voices of doubt around us.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said, " All things are possible to him who believe.

### **Too often our meager results are because of our small risks.**

- Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them and they will be granted to you."

### **3. Mission Possible is determined by our confidence in Christ**

- Confidence in Christ – the mistake most of us make is that we ask God for something, and then we filter our faith level through how good we've been

- In faith, we ask based on the righteousness of Christ – not our own.

**This woman's ability to receive ended before God's ability to provide ran out!**

**How we start helps determines how it ends.**

- God wants to bless us so we can be a blessing
- Notice what happened when there was no more emptiness...the oil "stopped flowing"

**4. We serve a God that specializes in filling emptiness!**

We must remain empty so the oil of God continues to flow over and in us!

- Empty of Sin
- Empty of self
- Empty of Substitutes