

God's Underdogs (Obadiah's Widow): God's Solution for an Impossible Problem

2 Kings 4:1-7

📖 Proverbs 6:6 (Msg) "...look at an ant. Watch it closely; let it teach you a thing or two."

HER REALITY: She was desperate.

📖 2 Kings 4:1 (NIV) "The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves."

1. She lost her **spouse**.
2. She lost her **security**.
3. She was losing her **sons**.

HER RESOURCES: She had little to nothing.

📖 2 Kings 4:2 (NIV) "Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a little oil."

1. "**Nothing**" = **Something in God's hands!**

📖 Genesis 1:1 (NIV) "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

2. "**A little**" = **A lot in God's hands!**

📖 John 6:9-13 (NIV) "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. ¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten."

HER RESPONSE: She was faithfully obedient.

📖 2 Kings 4:3-5 (NIV) "Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. ⁴ Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." ⁵ She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring."

HER REGRET: She didn't get more jars.

📖 2 Kings 4:6-7 (NIV) "When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

Have you ever been "check the couch cushions for change" broke? Ever wonder how you were going to make it? What did you do? Where did you turn? Is God your source, or do you depend on someone else? Have you ever experienced a miracle? What impossible problem are you currently facing? Are you willing to do whatever God asks you to do? In what ways are you settling for less than God's best?

