

January 2021

Dear Partner,

I hear a lot of people saying, "Thank God, 2020 is over," and yet I have to say that 2020 was one of the best years our ministry has had. Now, why would I say that? I say it because no matter what came against us, we kept believing that "great expectation" would bring us "great results." You see, Partner, we refused to go by what we saw—we refused to give up on what God told us to believe in 2020, and guess what happened? We reached more people last year than ANY previous year. And more people than ever before reached out to us and received salvation, hope, and joy from the Word that we teach. What began as a curse turned into a blessing as we saw more and more people turn to the Lord. Now, that's what it's all about!

Partner, 2021 has begun, and when I went to the Lord to ask what the new theme for this year should be, He told me, "Jesse, go to 2 Kings chapter four, and I want you to read verse two." Then, He had me focus on six words in that verse, "*What shall I do for thee*?" Immediately, God said, "That is My theme for My people!"

"What Shall I Do For Thee?"

Know What You Want—Your Blessing May Be Limited by Your Capacity to Receive

So, I'm asking you right now, "What do you want God to do for you?" This is about more than prayer. In this passage of scripture, Elisha was talking to the widow who had lost everything to the debtors, including her sons, and she had nothing but a pot of oil in the house. The widow was broke, destitute, and at her wits' end. She didn't know what to do. But she knew that Elisha was a man of God, and she reached out to him in her time of desperation.

Elisha heard the widow's predicament and knew that he had to do *something* for her. But I want you to notice that Elisha did *not* take it upon himself to assume he knew what she wanted—no, he *asked* her what *she* wanted. The ball was in her court; not in Elisha's. Well, Partner, God wants to do something for *you*, and you need to say what *you* want from Him.

Your blessings are often tied to what *you* want and what you're willing to declare. Sometimes you may not know what you want from God, and that "not knowing" can cause a delay in your blessings. "I don't know" limits you in life. To put your faith toward something and believe, you must know what you're aiming for. So, point one of this letter today is: **Your blessing may be limited by your capacity to receive from Him.**

For centuries, the Church has put limits on what God will do, but He wants to do everything you can

believe. You see, people don't know what they have *and* the power that's in what they have. The widow woman didn't think her pot of oil was much, but Elisha knew the power in that oil—it was a seed. Partner, quit thinking you don't have much. Everyone has something that God can work with. Everything we see in life started with a seed of some kind. Think about that for a minute!

God is waiting for us to put action with our faith. The powerful force called faith is in everything created. So, create something with your faith. Don't be afraid to ask anything in Jesus' name (John 14:13-14). Don't be afraid to declare what you want! "I don't know" is sometimes an excuse to just stay where you are—don't let the fear of choosing make you choose nothing. Pick and stick! You will never exhaust God's possibilities or power. But you must *choose* something to direct your faith toward, and you must *declare* it. Your future blessings are in your mouth. Start answering God's question today, "What shall I do for thee?"

"What Shall I Do For Thee?"

Trust in God's Power—It Belongs to the Righteous, and YOU Are the Righteousness of God

Point two of this letter today is this: **As believers, we must trust in God's power.** His power belongs to the righteous, and we are the righteousness of God. In Christ, we are made righteous. His blood washes away all stain and sin.

Sometimes, people don't want to ask God for things because they are clinging to the wrong idea that "I'm not worthy," but that is a lie from the enemy. God thought you were so worthy that He sent His only begotten Son to pay the price for your sin. Now that you are born again, don't let the devil lie to you about your worth or your righteousness. That's a slap in the face to God's plan for mankind, and it's also undermining your life as you walk uprightly before God.

Even in the Old Testament, God's blessings followed those who did right before God. So, how much more will God bless those who accept the sacrifice of His Son, receive righteousness through His blood, and walk uprightly in Him? Psalm 84:11 says, *"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."* Partner, God is our sun—He is the light in our life! God is our shield—He is our protection from the attacks of the enemy. God gives us grace and glory—He forgives us and blesses us, too! There is NO good thing that He wants to withhold from you. But you've got to let go of the mindset that says, "I'm not worthy," and the mindset that thinks, "I don't know if God will do this for me." You must trust in God's Word and in His power. If He said something, have faith in His Word. And if He calls you righteous, who are you to argue?

Partner, God wants to do so much for His children, but He wants us involved in the process. Like Elisha said to the widow with the oil, it's time to answer the question, *"What shall I do for thee?"* So, I'm saying to you, ASK! Ask BIG! Know what you want. Point your faith and your words toward it, and do not let the devil undermine your position as the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Do that and just watch God do something impossible, something unbelievable—just for you!

The widow had a seed in the form of a pot of oil, her last bit, and Elisha asked for it. Now, if God asks you for a seed, I want you to know that it is because He has your harvest on His mind. So, do not be shaken! Go ahead, sow the seed and make a demand on your future—do it and don't give up until you get what you're putting your faith toward!

"What Shall I Do For Thee?"

Never Mind What People Say About You Asking God to Do Something

Now, let's get to point three. This is very important. Are you ready? It is this: **Never mind what people say about you asking God to do something spiritual, physical, or financial.** Your answer to *"What shall I do for thee?"* is between you and God—nobody else's opinion matters! Let's just face it, there are some people who object to everything. There are some people who don't want you getting anything from God. You have a good heart. You have desires. And God is saying, *"What shall I do for thee?"* Don't let the critical people out there steal your joy or sideline your faith.

If somebody objects, God will overrule their objection! If you don't let people sway your faith, you will get what you want from the Lord. You must awaken your conscience to believe *above* their objections. You just trust in God that He will crown your "asking" with success. Focus on God. Focus on what you want. Pull it in with your faith, regardless of the naysayers. Remember, there were people who would have criticized the widow and Elisha, too! There's always somebody who has something negative to say when you're believing God for something. Some will try to "spiritualize" their negativity—some people will do anything just to keep you down. Don't let them.

Do what the scripture says and let the Spirit of truth be your guide—don't let a naysayer's opinions be your guide. How can they claim to know the truth if they go against God's Word? How can they claim to know what's right if they try to hold you back from believing God for what He's put on your own heart? You have a divine Guide inside of you, and it's the Holy Spirit. Let John 16:13 be a comfort to your mind: *"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth..."* Notice it says *He* will guide you into *all* truth.

You can relax in your faith once that scripture becomes settled in your mind. You can relax because you know that all you have to do is pray and trust that God will guide you into all truth. Remember, you don't serve a God Who is trying to hold you down—you serve a God Who is trying to lift you up! He wants you to take the blinders off and see beyond today. He wants you to live with passion and faith in Him for what you really want!

People who come against what you are asking God for, well, they just have idle faith. But you are guided by the Spirit of truth and your heart is open to what's possible with God. There is nothing idle about your faith! That might make a few people uneasy, but that's alright. Just shut the door on their doubt. That's what Elisha told that widow to do. It's between you and God, and what they say about your desires and faith just doesn't matter. You are working on something!

That widow woman had one pot of oil and a bunch of empty vessels in front of her until she started pouring her seed out—and one by one, those empty vessels filled up. Her seed turned into her harvest right in front of her eyes. I believe that *your* seed will turn into a harvest right before your eyes too, Partner. Ask yourself, "What shall God do for me?" Remember that God is *no* respecter of persons, but He *is* a respecter of faith! Trust in the God Who trusts in you, and ignore those who speak against your good future.

"What Shall I Do For Thee?"

Don't Limit God—He Is More Than Enough and Always Gives in Overflowing Measure

Now, let's move to my final point today in this letter: **God always gives in overflowing measure. He is always more than enough!** Don't cap off the goodness of God with limited thinking, limited faith, or limited words. You see, not only did that widow take care of her debt, but she also received enough for her future—the oil was poured out in overflowing measure, vessel after vessel. The widow received more than enough because she *prepared* to receive more than enough!

When Elisha told the widow to gather vessels for oil, she didn't get just one jar and say, "Well, if God blesses me with one jar of oil, that will be enough for me to get by." No, she gathered a lot of vessels, and her preparation shows us that she had a "more than enough" mindset. It shows us that the widow believed God was capable of giving *and* that she was capable of receiving much more than she needed. What did God do? He filled the vessels to overflowing, but only according to the measure she decided when she gathered them up. The point is that "more than enough" has to be in your heart and mind before it'll ever be in your "vessel"—because God can only do what you have the faith to believe.

So, let's start right now and believe BIG in 2021! God is waiting on *us* to say something in faith. I'm saying, "This ministry is going to double everything it does in 2021!" I know that's BIG, but I also know that I serve a BIG God! I'm not going to say what I have, I'm going to say what I want. What are you saying?

Just like Elisha asking the widow, God is also asking us, "What shall I do for thee?" Stretch your faith with me this year, Partner. As you sow your seed today and as I sow mine, let's believe for exactly

what we want from the Lord—no matter what it is! Let's put our faith out there and just watch what happens in 2021! Partner, our seeds have the hundredfold return within them. Like that widow's seed of oil, I believe that we better start looking for bigger vessels because the harvest is coming! Let's open our hearts and minds to the Lord. After all, *nothing* is impossible with God. God bless you as you let your heart soar just thinking about what God is going to do this year for you!

Love You. Jesse Duplantis

P.S. I have chosen my powerful message, *All You've Got to Do Is Ask*, for your January Partnership of \$50 or more (available on DVD, CD, or both formats). Or for your Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD. See the enclosure or go to JDM.org (click on "Donate") to get your copy today. Also, I will set the theme for 2021 that the Lord has given to me on **Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 10am, at Jesse Duplantis Ministries Covenant Church** (in Destrehan, LA). I hope you will be able to attend in person or watch live online with your family at JDM.org, on Facebook (/JesseDuplantisMinistries) or on our YouTube channel (/jesseduplantismin). You don't want to miss it! Thanks, Partner, for all you do!



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January 2021 Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

"What Shall I Do For Thee?" 1st Week January 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose). It is always such a blessing to begin a new year by getting into the Word of God.

- It shows the Lord that we place a high value on Him and His Word.
- It also builds up our faith to do the things that He puts on our heart to do!

Each weekly *Voice of the Covenant Bible Study* is developed from the monthly letters that Jesse writes to ministry Partners throughout the world.

- They contain powerful truths from God's Word that will transform us from the inside out.
- As we study, we can receive revelation and wisdom to understand His plan for our lives. ***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4.**

Today we will begin our 2021 Bible Study in the Old Testament and see what a desperate widow told the prophet Elisha.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:1-7 KJV:**

1. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2. And Elisha said unto her, **What shall I do for thee?** tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

6. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

In this lesson, we will focus on these six words in verse 2: *"What shall I do for thee?"* This is our theme that the Lord gave us for 2021.

• God is asking each of us: "What shall I do for thee?"

*Group Discussion: So, let's all think about that question right now: "What do you want God to do for you?"

• This is about more than prayer.

In this passage of scripture, Elisha was talking to the widow who had lost everything to the debtors, including her sons, and she had nothing but a pot of oil in the house.

- The widow was broke, destitute, and at her wits' end.
- She didn't know what to do.
- But she knew that Elisha was a man of God, and she reached out to him in her time of desperation.

Elisha heard the widow's predicament and knew that he had to do something for her.

- But notice that Elisha did *not* take it upon himself to assume he knew what she wanted.
- No, he *asked* her what *she* wanted.

- The ball was in her court; not in Elisha's.
- God wants to do something for you, and you need to say what you want from Him.

• Your blessings are often tied to what *you* want and what you're willing to declare. Sometimes you may not know what you want from God, and that "not knowing" can cause a delay in your blessings.

• "I don't know" limits you in life.

• To put your faith toward something and believe, you must know what you're aiming for. So, point one of our lesson today is: Your blessing may be limited by your capacity to receive from Him.

• For centuries, the Church has put limits on what God will do, but He wants to do everything you can believe.

• You see, people don't know what they have *and* the power that's in what they have. *Group Discussion: Can you think about a time that your blessing was limited by your capacity to receive from God?

The widow woman didn't think her pot of oil was much, but Elisha knew the power in that oil—it was a seed.

- Quit thinking you don't have much.
- Everyone has something that God can work with.

Everything we see in life started with a seed of some kind.

- Think about that for a minute!
- God is waiting for us to put action with our faith.

*Instruct the group to turn to John 14:13-14.

- The powerful force called faith is in everything created.
 - So, create something with your faith.

Don't be afraid to ask anything in Jesus' name.

*Invite someone in the group to read John 14:13-14 KJV:

1. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

2. If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.

Don't be afraid to declare what you want!

- "I don't know" is sometimes an excuse to just stay where you are.
- Don't let the fear of choosing make you choose nothing.

Pick and stick!

- You will never exhaust God's possibilities or power.
- But you must *choose* something to direct your faith toward, and you must *declare* it.

Your future blessings are in your mouth.

• Start answering God's question today, "What shall I do for thee?"

Confess What God Shall Do For YOU!

- 1. My blessing is tied to what I want and what I am willing to declare that God will do for me. I will not limit my capacity to receive.
- 2. I put action with my faith and refuse to let the fear of choosing make me choose nothing. I pick and stick! I will never exhaust God's possibilities or power.

"What Shall I Do For Thee?" 2nd Week January 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose). We began this year with our theme for 2021: *"What shall I do for thee?"*

- The Lord is asking each of us this timeless question.
- God's Word clearly shows us that He wants to do everything that we can believe. ***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4:1-2.**

In our Bible Study last week, we read about a desperate widow that put a demand on the faith of the prophet Elisha.

- Let's look again what she said and how the man of God responded.
- ***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:1-2 KJV:**

1. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2. And Elisha said unto her, **What shall I do for thee?** tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

Notice that this widow had lost everything to the debtors, including her sons.

- She reached out to Elisha, but he did *not* assume he knew what she wanted.
- Elisha's question is what God is also asking us today: "What shall I do for thee?"

He wants us to realize that our blessing may be limited by our capacity to receive from Him.

- We can never exhaust His possibilities or His power.
- We must refuse fear and put action with our faith.
- We must pick and stick!

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Let's look at point two of our Bible Study for this month: As believers, we must trust in God's power.

- His power belongs to the righteous, and we are the righteousness of God.
- In Christ, we are made righteous.
- His blood washes away all stain and sin.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV:**

For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

*Group Discussion: Have you ever been hesitant to ask God for things because you thought you were not worthy?

Sometimes, people don't want to ask God for things because they are clinging to the wrong idea that says, "I'm not worthy," but that is a lie from the enemy.

- God thought you were so worthy that He sent His only begotten Son to pay the price for your sin.
- Now that you are born again, don't let the devil lie to you about your worth or your righteousness.
- That's a slap in the face to God's plan for mankind.
- It's also undermining your life as you walk uprightly before God.

*Instruct the group to turn to Psalm 84:11.

Even in the Old Testament, God's blessings followed those who did right before God.

• So, how much more will God bless those who accept the sacrifice of His Son, receive righteousness through His blood, and walk uprightly in Him?

***Invite someone in the group to read Psalm 84:11 KJV:**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Think about all that is promised to us in that powerful verse:

- God is our sun—He is the light in our life!
- God is our shield—He is our protection from the attacks of the enemy.
- God gives us grace and glory—He forgives us and blesses us, too!

There is NO good thing that He wants to withhold from you.

- But you've got to let go of the mindset that says, "I'm not worthy."
- Let go of the mindset that thinks, "I don't know if God will do this for me."

*Instruct the group to turn to Psalm 34:8-10.

You must trust in God's Word and in His power.

- If God said something, have faith in His Word.
- And if God calls you righteous, who are you to argue?

*Invite someone in the group to read Psalm 34:8-10 KJV:

- 8. O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.
- 9. O fear the LORD, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

10. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

God wants to do so much for His children, but He wants us involved in the process.

• Like Elisha said to the widow with the oil, it's time to answer the question, "What shall I do for thee?"

God is saying, ASK! Ask BIG!

*Group Discussion: Do you know what you want to ask God to do for you? Point your faith and your words toward what you want.

- Do not let the devil undermine your position as the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- Do that and watch God do something impossible, something unbelievable—just for you!

The widow had a seed in the form of a pot of oil, her last bit, and Elisha asked for it.

- Now, if God asks you for a seed, I want you to know that it is because He has your harvest on His mind.
- So, do not be shaken! Go ahead, sow the seed and make a demand on your future.
- Do it and don't give up until you get what you're putting your faith toward!

Confess What God Shall Do For YOU!

- 1. I trust in God's power. I have been made righteous in Christ, and I walk uprightly before Him. God's power belongs to me, and no good thing will He withhold from me.
- 2. I know what I want God to do for me, and I ask BIG! I point my faith and my words toward it and watch God do something impossible, something unbelievable—just for me!
- 3. I know that God has my harvest on His mind, and I will not be shaken. I sow seed and make a demand on my future. I don't give up until I get what I put my faith toward!

"What Shall I Do For Thee?" 3⁻⁻ Week January 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose). Today we will continue with our Bible Study titled: *"What Shall I Do For Thee?"*

• This is the theme that the Lord gave us for this year, and it reminds us to ask BIG! ***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4.**

Last week we saw that when we trust in God's power and walk uprightly before Him, He will withhold no good thing from us.

- When we point our faith and our words towards what we want from God, we can watch God do something impossible and unbelievable.
- When we know that God has our harvest on His mind, we will not be shaken!
- We can make a demand on our future and not give up until we get what we put our faith toward.

Now, let's get to point three of our Bible Study this month: Never mind what people say about you asking God to do something spiritual, physical, or financial.

***Invite someone in the group to read our text in 2 Kings 4:1-5 KJV:**

1. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2. And Elisha said unto her, **What shall I do for thee?** tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

This woman's actions reveal that your answer to *"What shall I do for thee?"* is between you and God—nobody else's opinion matters!

*Group Discussion: Have you ever been attacked for believing God for something BIG? Let's just face it, there are some people who object to everything.

• There are some people who don't want you getting anything from God.

You have a good heart. You have desires. And God is saying, "What shall I do for thee?"

- Don't let the critical people out there steal your joy or sideline your faith.
- If somebody objects, God will overrule their objection!
- If you don't let people sway your faith, you will get what you want from the Lord.
- You must awaken your conscience to believe *above* their objections.

You just trust in God that He will crown your "asking" with success.

• Focus on God and what you want. Pull it in with your faith, regardless of the naysayers. Remember, there were people who would have criticized the widow and Elisha, too!

- There's always somebody who has something negative to say when you're believing God for something.
- Some will try to "spiritualize" their negativity—some people will do anything just to keep you down. Don't let them.

Do what the scripture says and let the Spirit of truth be your guide—don't let a naysayer's opinions be your guide.

- How can they claim to know the truth if they go against God's Word?
- How can they claim to know what's right if they try to hold you back from believing God for what He's put on your own heart?

***Instruct the group to turn to John 16:13.**

You have a divine Guide inside of you, and it's the Holy Spirit.

• Let the Word of God be a comfort to your mind.

***Invite someone in the group to read John 16:13 KJV:**

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.

You can relax in your faith once that scripture becomes settled in your mind.

• All you have to do is pray and trust that God will guide you into all truth.

*Group Discussion: Does this remind you that God is not trying to hold you down?

- You serve a God Who is trying to lift you up!
- He wants you to take the blinders off and see beyond today.
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- But you are guided by the Spirit of truth.
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That might make a few people uneasy, but that's alright.

• Just shut the door on their doubt—do what Elisha told that widow to do.

It's between you and God, and what they say about your desires and faith just doesn't matter.

• You are working on something!

That widow woman had one pot of oil and a bunch of empty vessels in front of her until she started pouring her seed out.

• One by one, those empty vessels filled up and her seed turned into her harvest right in front of her eyes.

I believe that your seed will turn into a harvest right before your eyes too.

• Ask yourself, "What shall God do for me?"

Remember that God is no respecter of persons, but He is a respecter of faith!

• Trust in the God Who trusts in you, and ignore those who speak against your good future.

Confess What God Shall Do For YOU!

- 1. My answer to "*What shall I do for thee?*" is between me and God—nobody else's opinion matters! I never mind what people say about me asking God to do something.
- 2. I don't let critical people steal my joy or sideline my faith. I focus on God and what I want. I pull it in with my faith and trust God to crown my "asking" with success.
- 3. There is nothing idle about my faith! I am guided by the Spirit of truth, and my heart is open to what's possible with God. I relax in my faith and shut the door on doubt.

"What Shall I Do For Thee?" 4^a Week January 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose). Our Bible Study this month is titled, *"What Shall I Do For Thee?"*

- This is the theme that the Lord has given us for 2021.
- All this year, we will be building up our faith to answer that powerful question for ourselves.

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4.

Let's read this question from the prophet Elisha to a woman who was about to lose everything, including her sons.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:1-7 KJV:**

1. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2. And Elisha said unto her, **What shall I do for thee?** tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

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5. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

6. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

God is asking us to focus on those six words in verse 2: "What shall I do for thee?"

- Just like this woman, we must not allow our blessing to be limited by our capacity to receive from God.
- As believers, we have been made righteous and we must trust in God's power.

Our answer to *"What shall I do for thee?"* is between us and God—nobody else's opinion matters!

- It doesn't matter what people say about us when we ask God to do something spiritual, physical, or financial.
- We must not let critical people steal our joy or sideline our faith.

When we focus on God and pull in what we want with our faith, God can be trusted to crown our "asking" with success.

• There is nothing idle about faith! When we are guided by the Spirit of truth, and our hearts are open to what's possible with God, we can shut the door on doubt.

Now, let's move to point four of our Bible Study: God always gives in overflowing measure. He is always more than enough!

- Don't cap off the goodness of God with limited thinking, limited faith, or limited words.
- You see, not only did that widow take care of her debt, but she also received enough for her future.

• The oil was poured out in overflowing measure, vessel after vessel.

The widow received more than enough because she *prepared* to receive more than enough! *Group Discussion: Have you found yourself putting limits on what you ask God?

When Elisha told the widow to gather vessels for oil, she didn't get just one jar and say, "Well, if God blesses me with one jar of oil, that will be enough for me to get by."

- No, she gathered a lot of vessels.
- Her preparation shows us that she had a "more than enough" mindset.
- It shows us that the widow believed God was capable of giving *and* that she was capable of receiving much more than she needed.

Let's read verses 6 and 7 again in the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition:

6. When the vessels were all full, she said to her son, Bring me another vessel. And he said to her, There is not a one left. Then the oil stopped multiplying.

7. Then she came and told the man of God. He said, Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons live on the rest.

What did God do?

• He filled the vessels to overflowing, but only according to the measure she decided when she gathered them up.

The point is that "more than enough" has to be in your heart and mind before it'll ever be in your "vessel."

• That's because God can only do what you have the faith to believe.

So, let's start right now and believe BIG in 2021!

• God is waiting on *us* to say something in faith.

Don't say what you have; be determined to say what you want. *Group Discussion: What are you saying?

Just like Elisha asking the widow, God is also asking us, "What shall I do for thee?"

- Stretch your faith this year and believe for exactly what you want from the Lord—no matter what it is!
- Let's put our faith out there and just watch what happens in 2021!

Like that widow's seed of oil, we better start looking for bigger vessels because the harvest is coming!

- Let's open our hearts and minds to the Lord. After all, *nothing* is impossible with God.
- God bless you as you let your heart soar just thinking about what God is going to do this year for you!

Confess What God Shall Do For YOU!

- 1. God always gives in overflowing measure. He is always more than enough! I don't cap off the goodness of God with limited thinking, limited faith, or limited words.
- 2. I'm not going to say what I have, I'm going to say what I want. I let my heart soar thinking about what God is going to do this year for me!