

BE A VESSEL

(1) 2 Kings 4: 1-6

- Famous OT story – very relevant to our our ives even today “
- This woman lost her husband prematurely / had no means of income / couldn't pay her bills / so she was in debt / creditors came knocking on her door to enslave her 2 sons
- Spiritually what we see here is the enemy coming to enslave the next generation – he is knocking at the door of the church / the creditors said to the woman 'your 2 sons are going to be enslaved' / the only thing that stood between the creditors taking her sons into slavery was a pot of oil
- In the Bible oil represents anointing / supernatural intervention of God
- Talking about the enemy come knocking at the door of the church to enslave the next generation is not programs, or religion, or external rituals, or performance, or hype – it takes the oil – the anointing of the HS to keep us free
- For this widow the answer was in the house – it was not out there, it was in here / the prophet said to the woman – what do you have in your house? / the woman said 'all I got is a pot of oil / the prophet said 'you've got all you need to solve the problem
- The oil was not the problem - the oil was there, it was available / the issue in the story is not the oil & how God multiplied it & how He kept increasing the oil / this is not the main emphasis of the story / the issue in the story is ... is there a vessel / the prophet said to the woman 'if you want a breakthrough, miracle – go and get something that God can pour something in to'
- Now listen to this: this woman helped God with her miracle / the woman determined the magnitude of her miracle – not God!! / when the prophet said to the woman 'go to your neighbours and borrow vessels and borrow not a few and bring it into your house, he actually said to her 'you will determine the amount of oil that will flow in your house' / because heaven has an endless supply of oil / the only issue is if God can find a vessel that he can pour the oil into

- (6) Watch this: when they ran out of vessels, the oil stopped / as long as there was a vessel, the oil kept flowing
- You can say to me you want hot coffee / well I can get you some hot coffee and throw it out near you / or do you want a cup of hot coffee!! / the coffee is useless without a vessel
- Can you imagine ordering a pizza? / and the guy with the Debonairs scooter comes to deliver the pizza but it is not in a box / he just got it in his hand / and the cheese is oozing down all over his clothes and it is falling onto the floor / you don't know what this delivery boy has been doing with that hand?! / the first question you would ask him is: 'where is the box?'
- Because you were expecting the product to come in a vessel
- Check this: the box is worth less than R1-00 (95 cents) / it is not very valuable / but it has tremendous value because of what is placed in the box
- Listen to me: the box does not give value to the product; it is the product that gives value to the box!
- (8) We're just the vessel and Christ is in us / so we shouldn't get puffed up when God uses us in an amazing way / we are just the 95 cent box!! /
- What I'm trying to tell you is that you don't have to be great, highly gifted, excellent people skills, super handsome, super talented / like the box you only have to be clean and empty
- God says when you are clean and empty, I'll give you My oil, breakthru's, miracles, purpose
- Bible says your body is the temple or the dwelling place of the HS / therefore satan hates your body – because he knows the power of the oil / it was the oil that kicked him out of heaven / it was the oil that defeated him every time / he knows he is no match for the oil / his only hope is to mess up the vessel
- If you are born again, blood washed, spirit filled, you are not the container of trash but of treasure!!
- God says 'if you give Me a vessel, I'll give you oil!
- I believe the oil is moving again – the question is – will He find a vessel?
- My testimony is this: I never qualified to stand up here ever / and may I tell you something very personal this morning: I never felt comfortable in this role / but one day – about 23 years ago I said to God 'I know I'm worth only 95 cents – but if You are looking for somebody to use, here am I!
- As you can hear I don't say this to praise the box – I say this to praise the One inside the box!
- (12) He deserves the glory