

God Time Day 1: Hope for the Hopeless



Read 2 Kings 4:1.
One of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant, my husband, has died. You know that your servant feared the LORD. Now the creditor is coming to take my two children as his slaves."



This widow (whose husband had been a prophet under Elisha) was in a hopeless situation. Rewrite verse 1 in your own words:

In that time, without someone to help her, this widow could have lost everything – *everything*. She went to her husband's teacher, Elisha, who she knew looked out for his students' wellbeing.

Everyone goes somewhere when they feel hopeless. Where do you go?

God Time Day 2: God Is What You Really Need



Read 2 Kings 4:2.
Elisha asked her, "What can I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil."

Elisha asked the woman how he could help and then asked what she had in her house. Underline her answer.

Imagine, the woman's husband has died, she has no means of income, and her children are about to be taken away! She has absolutely nothing of value in her home except a jar of oil. She is desperate; she needs God's help.

God is always what we really need. How have you seen this in your life or in the life of someone you know?

Share this with someone today.

God Time Day 3: Stop Waiting and Start Working



Sometimes, we get so busy looking ahead to all the things we want, that we forget about what's right in front of us – all the blessings that God has given us in the here and now.



Reread 2 Kings 4:2.
Elisha asked her, "What can I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil."

The woman only had a small jar (or flask) of oil in her home. She needed a solution to her problem but probably never imagined what would happen next. Even though she had so little, Elisha knew that it wasn't too little for God to work with! As we will see, God would use Elisha to work a miracle with this jar of oil.

God supplied her with what she needed and would use it in the way He wanted to solve her dilemma. Likewise, God has supplied us with what we need so that we can do the things He wants us to do – the things He will empower us to do! (Remember: We don't work to earn anything, or so that God will do things for us, but we obey because we love and worship the Lord.)



Read Ephesians 2:10.
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

God has called you to good works. Identify one thing that you can do in obedience to God:



Now, make plans to do it. (E.g., worship Him, help a friend, pray, visit a neighbor, etc.)

God Time Day 4: Offer God What You Have



Read 2 Kings 4:3-7.

³Then he [Elisha] said, "Go out and borrow empty containers from all your neighbors. Do not get just a few." ⁴Then go in and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour oil into all these containers. Set the full ones to one side." ⁵So she left. After she had shut the door behind her and her sons, they kept bringing her containers, and she kept pouring. ⁶When they were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another container." But he replied, "There aren't any more." Then the oil stopped. ⁷She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debt; you and your sons can live on the rest."

Underline what Elisha told the widow in verses 3 and 4.

The widow did just what Elisha told her to do (verse 5), and she poured that oil into jar after jar! It was only when she ran out of jars (verse 6) that the oil stopped flowing.



What was the conclusion in verse 7?

Charles Spurgeon was a famous preacher who lived long ago. He said, "If she borrowed few vessels, she would have but little oil; if she borrowed many vessels they should all be filled, and she should have much oil. We make our blessings little, because our prayers are little."

How would you explain this quote to a friend?



One thing that builds our faith is looking back at all the times God has been faithful to us. In another notebook, journal about a few times when you have noticed God's faithfulness. Thank Him for those times.

God Time Day 5: Trust God to Give What You Need



Read 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV).

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

God is who we really need. What a wonderful treasure to be filled with! Sometimes (often?) we take Him for granted. Regardless of where we find ourselves today, we can know that yes, He is all we need. Because of His kind generosity, He will meet our other needs, too.



Read Luke 12:27-31.

²⁷Consider how the wildflowers grow: They don't labor or spin thread. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these. ²⁸If that's how God clothes the grass, which is in the field today and is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much more will he do for you—you of little faith? ²⁹Don't strive for what you should eat and what you should drink, and don't be anxious. ³⁰For the Gentile world eagerly seeks all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be provided for you.

Underline what we should not strive for and what not to be (verse 29).

Put a box around verse 31 and memorize it.

God will meet our needs; He promises to. Though sometimes we can't understand His plan, He knows what we need in both time and eternity.



Spend time today considering some *wildflowers* (literally or figuratively). Make a list of the needs that God is meeting for you now. Then, seek His kingdom and praise Him.
