

BEYOND SUNDAY

Taking Sunday's Message Into The Week



Series:

Message: The Pot Of Oil

Main Text: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Beyond Sunday Guide

Main Idea

This past Sunday, Bishop Will Lott shared a message titled *“The Pot of Oil,”* reminding us that difficult seasons can leave us wondering how we will ever move forward, but our circumstances never place us beyond God’s reach. In **2 Kings 4:1–7**, a widow faced the loss of her husband, overwhelming debt, and the possibility of losing her two sons. When Elisha asked what she had in her house, all she could identify was a small jar of oil. Yet what seemed like very little became the starting point for God’s provision. Will reminded us that **“great blessings come out of great trouble and difficulties”**—not because hardship is easy, but because God remains present with us through it. Even when His timing doesn’t match ours, we can trust that He sees our situation and is working in ways we may not yet understand. As **Psalm 34:19** declares, *“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.”* We may not know how He will work, but we can keep bringing our needs to the One who is able to meet them.

From there, Will challenged us to recognize that we may have greater resources than we realize, because **“little with God is much!”** The widow’s jar seemed insignificant, but when she followed Elisha’s instructions, gathered empty vessels, and began pouring, God multiplied what she had. Moses had a rod, David had a sling and stones, and a young boy offered five loaves and two fish—but in each case, God used what was available when it was placed in His hands. The question is not simply how much we have, but whether we are willing to trust God enough to use what He has given us.

That trust must move beyond what we believe into how we live. The widow had to gather the vessels before she could begin pouring, and Will used that picture to emphasize the need to **make room for God’s blessings**. Pride, bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness can crowd our hearts, leaving little room for the work of His Spirit. As we surrender ourselves to Him, we make room for more of His presence and allow Him to work through us. **Faith and obedience bring results**—even when the next step feels uncomfortable or doesn’t make sense. We cannot always control our circumstances, but we can keep praying, keep obeying, and keep pouring out what God has placed in our hands, trusting Him with what comes next.

Talk About It

1. **Read 2 Kings 4:1-7.** What stands out to you about the way God provided for the widow and her sons?
2. Will Lott said, **“Little with God is much.”** Can you think of other instances in Scripture where that truth is revealed? Have you seen evidence of that in your own life? In what ways?
3. Think back to the passage and identify different ways the widow made room for God and His work in her life. Why is it important that we **make room** for God in our lives?
4. Will expressed the connection between **faith** and **action**. How do you see faith and obedience working together in the widow’s story? How have you seen faith and obedience work together in your own life? What were the results?



So Elisha said to her, “What do you have in the house?”
The widow replied, “Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil.”

2 Kings 4:2

“LITTLE WITH GOD IS MUCH!”

Make It Practical

1. **Think about a difficult situation you are facing right now.** Like the widow, you may not know how God will work in your circumstances. Write down one thing you are trusting Him with, and continue bringing it to Him in prayer this week.
2. **Identify something God has placed in your hands that you may be overlooking.** The widow had only a small jar of oil, yet God used what she had. Name a gift, ability, resource, or opportunity you can offer to God, and decide how you will put it to use this week.
3. **Make room for God by identifying what has been crowding Him out.** Will Lott reminded us that pride, bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness can hinder us from making room for God’s work. Name something that needs to change in your heart, and choose one intentional step toward surrender.
4. **Put your faith into action where obedience has been difficult.** The widow gathered the vessels and began pouring before she knew how everything would turn out. Identify one step of obedience you have been delaying, and make a plan to follow through this week.
5. **Set aside intentional time to seek the presence of the Holy Spirit.** Just as the widow needed empty vessels to receive the oil, we need to make room for God in our lives. Choose a specific time this week to step away from distractions, pray, read Scripture, and invite the Holy Spirit to fill and lead you.

Prayer

Father, thank You for being present in every season of my life, even when circumstances feel overwhelming and I cannot see a way forward. Thank You for Your provision, Your faithfulness, and the reminder that what seems like very little in my hands can become much when I place it in Yours. Help me trust You with the situations I cannot control, believing that You see my needs and know what I cannot yet see. Lord, show me where I need to make room for You. Reveal anything in my heart that is crowding out Your presence, whether it is pride, bitterness, resentment, unforgiveness, or simply the distractions of everyday life. Give me a willing heart that responds to Your leading with faith and obedience, even when I do not understand the outcome. Above all, thank You for making a way for me to be brought back into a right relationship with You through Jesus Christ. Thank You that salvation is not something I could provide for myself, but a gift made possible through Your grace. Fill me afresh with Your Spirit, help me offer You what I have, and teach me to trust You with what comes next. In Jesus’ name, Amen.