

I'm Drinking From The Saucer, Because My Cup Is Overflowing!

2 Kings 4:8-14

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

2 Kings 4:8-14

8 One day Elisha passed through Shunem. A leading lady of the town talked him into stopping for a meal. And then it became his custom: Whenever he passed through, he stopped by for a meal.

9 "I'm certain," said the woman to her husband, "that this man who stops by with us all the time is a holy man of God.

10 Why don't we add on a small room upstairs and furnish it with a bed and desk, chair and lamp, so that when he comes by he can stay with us?"

11 And so it happened that the next time Elisha came by he went to the room and lay down for a nap.

12 Then he said to his servant Gehazi, "Tell the Shunammite woman I want to see her." He called her and she came to him.

13 Through Gehazi Elisha said, "You've gone far beyond the call of duty in taking care of us; what can we do for you? Do you have a request we can bring to the

king or to the commander of the army? ”She replied, “Nothing. I’m secure and satisfied in my family.”

14 Elisha conferred with Gehazi: “There’s got to be something we can do for her. But what?” Gehazi said, “Well, she has no son, and her husband is an old man.”

- Fair
- Two sides to an argument

Solomon and the 2 mothers

de·moc·ra·cy (d¹-m¹/₄k“r...-sŋ) *n., pl. de·moc·ra·cies*. **1.** Government by the people, exercised either directly or through elected representatives. **2.** A political or social unit that has such a government. **3.** The common people, considered as the primary source of political power. **4.** Majority rule. **5.** The principles of social equality and respect for the individual within a community.

- Every side’s argument is heard and everyone has a vote

Majority rules, but the minority is protected.

- Never lived in a democracy as a child

GOD IS NOT DEMOCRATIC!!!

- He has favorites!
- People He continually blesses!

Woman perceived

per·ceive (p...r-sŋv“) *tr.v.* **per·ceived, per·ceiv·ing, per·ceives**. **1.** To become aware of directly through any of the senses, especially sight or hearing. **2.** To achieve understanding of; apprehend.

- She understood what God is looking for
- Faith and the ability to respond in faith
- She prepared herself for the coming miracle
- Did not know what the miracle was
- Just prepared herself

- Life came from her preparation

What is the common denominator in all of the following miracles?

- Bartimaeus
- Jarius
- Woman w/issue of blood
- Syrophneecian woman

All responded in faith, and trusted God explicitly
Prepared themselves for a miracle

GOD IS NOT DEMOCRATIC!

God wants to do a miracle in your life **TONIGHT!**

2 Kings 4:1-6

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.

- How many vessels she borrowed, limited her miracle
- She perceived what was needed
- If you are satisfied with only a little, that is all that you will get

- The squeaky wheel gets the oil
- Throw a rock in a pack of dogs, the one who yelps is the one who got hit
- Keep on Pouring, because God is not going to run out!