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## *Bible Study:*



Read 2 Kings 4:1-7. Consider Elisha's request to receive a double-portion of God's Spirit. We see the outworking of God answering that request in this story God's miraculous provision for the widow and her *two* sons. Elisha blessed others in proportion to the blessing he received from God.

## *The gospel in the story:*



The widow's indebtedness highlights our condition relative to God. We owe a debt to God due to sin in our lives. God cannot abide sin. Further, He is a Holy and Just God who can't simply ignore the debt and cancel it outright. That debt must be paid. Just as God miraculously provided for widow, saving her from the loss of her two sons, he so Loves the World that that He sent *His son*, Jesus to pay on our behalf.

## *Application:*

### *Head:* **What did we learn?**

Q: Why was the woman in this story upset? A: Her husband had died, leaving a lot of unpaid bills  
Q: Why were her sons going to be sold into slavery? A: To pay for money she owed.  
Q: What did God give to the widow and her sons? A: Olive oil, lots of it.  
Q: What did she put it in? A: Borrowed jars.  
Q: What caused the oil to stop flowing? A: All the jars were full.

### *Heart :* **Memory verse**

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### *Hands:* **How does this affect the way I live?**

Discuss how God knows that our deepest need is to be freed from our debt of sin. All who put their faith in Jesus Christ will have that debt richly paid by Him.

### *Home:* **How does this affect my household?**

The woman came from a Godly household (her late husband was one of the "sons of the prophets"), and therefore she knew to seek out Elisha for help.  
Discuss how this gives us a picture of trusting in God's provision.

### *Heaven:* **How does this help us share our faith?**

Elisha received a double-portion of God's Spirit for the express purpose of blessing God's chosen people.

Discuss how, similarly, we who have received God's Spirit through the cleansing blood of Jesus, are called to share that blessing with our friends, neighbors and co-workers.