

# Miraculous Supply - Part 4

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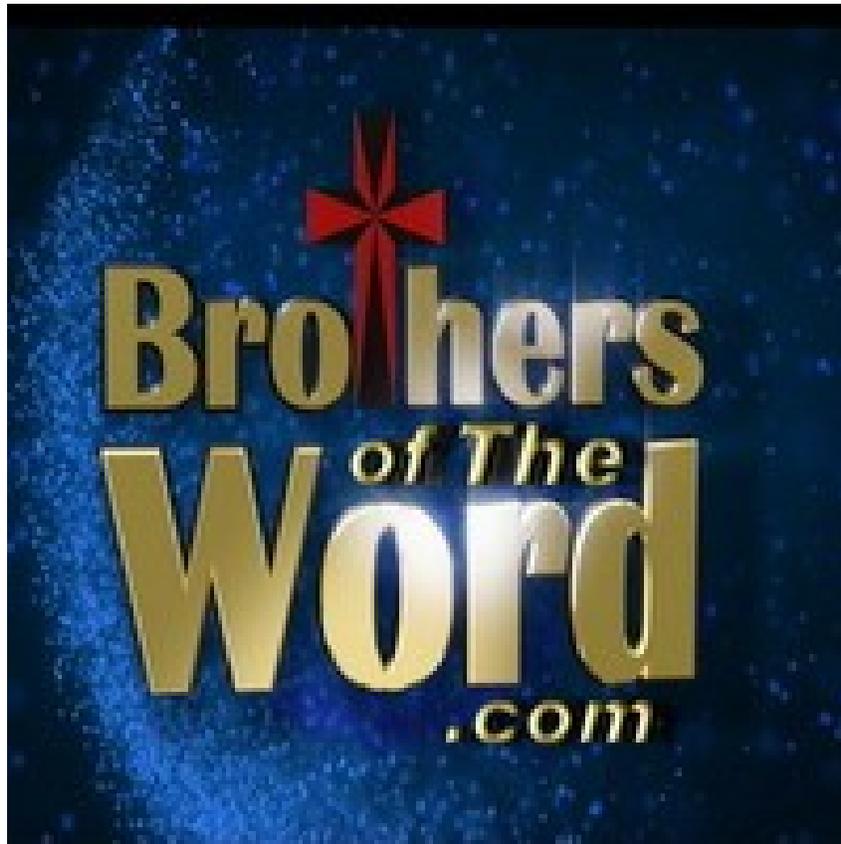
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Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us at BrothersoftheWord.com. Stay tuned to today's message. We are certainly blessed and delighted to have you tuned in to today's broadcast. Well, I would like to read just a little humor I came across. This is actually a little joke on Billy Graham and this is actually a true story. But Billy Graham, early in his ministry, he had arrived in a small town to preach and he had a letter that he wanted to mail and so he asked a young boy where the post office was. And when the boy had told him, Doctor Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven." "I don't think I'll be there," the boy said. "You don't even know your way to the post office." And that's actually true that happened very early in the ministry of Doctor Billy Graham.

Well, open your Bibles if you will to the Book of 2 Kings. We are doing an additional part to the series. We began few weeks ago entitled Miraculous Supply. This is part four. We try to close it out last time, but just -- was not able to and so we're doing part four of Miraculous Supply. Let's look at this account here in 2 Kings, Chapter 4 and let's read beginning with Verse 1 and we'll read through Verse 7, when you get there, say Amen. 2 Kings, let's begin reading at Verse 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.' And Elisha said unto her, 'What shall I do for thee? Tell me what has thou in the house?' And she said, 'Thine handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a pot of oil.' Then he said, 'Go, borrow the vessels abroad of thy neighbors, even empty vessels borrow not a few. 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.'

So she went from him and shut the door upon her and upon her sons who brought the vessels to her and she poured it out. 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 or stopped. "Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, 'Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.'

And so we are using as a subject, Miraculous Supply and this is part four. And I just want to point out a few things here in this particular account where God miraculously supplied this particular woman's need who's in a very dyer situation and God shows up and miraculously supplies the needs. As he does to this day in all of our lives, he miraculously supplies each and every need that we have. Well, that's the good news about the God that we served. He supplies our needs.

Well, I want to point out here on Verse 3. I want you to see something here because this is something that really jumped out at me. Notice, when she had this particular need and the man of God, he gave her this instruction as a way to begin to bring this miraculous supply into her life and he said in Verse 3, "Then he said, 'Go, borrow the vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels.'" And here's the part I want you to get, he says, "Borrow not a few." Everybody say, "Borrow not a few."

I love that. I really believe the Holy Spirit was saying something to us in our consciousness there and in our hearts. He's saying don't be limited in your thinking. Don't be restricted in your mindset. Don't sell yourself short. Don't have small vision, small dreams. God wants to do more than you can even imagine. Enlarge your vision. God has more in store. God has more in store for your life. Quit limiting God. Many people settle for far too little. And so notice, he says, "Don't borrow a few."

So, notice there that we are to live with expectancy, we're to enlarge our vision and we are to make room in our thinking for the great things that God wants to do in our lives. Isn't that good news? Don't borrow just a few. Go beyond. Go a little bit further than you've ever been before. That's what he's saying. Go a little bit further than you've ever been before. And this teaches us that what we receive is directly connected to what we believe. What we receive, say that with me. What we receive is directly connected to what we believe. And so he illustrates to us here that even when we reached points of where we just don't think we could go any further or have anymore or do anymore, amount to anymore, he is saying that God is our source and God's resources are unlimited. He's able to do far exceeding abundantly above all that we could ever ask or think. So, don't borrow just -- turn to your neighbor and say, "Don't borrow just a few." Expand your thinking there. Expand your horizons there, your mindset, and your restricted attitudes there.

I remember Pastor Nathaniel, he said that God had told him on one particular occasion to give the person whatever they ask for, and they needed some money. And he asked -- so he said, "How much do you want?" And he said God had told him to whatever amount they named, he was to give it to them. And he said the person just said, "Well, just a couple of dollars," and they didn't realized that they had a blank check. Ever since he's made that note, I don't think anybody has made that mistake since. And that's a way -- this woman was -- she had the ability to get as many vessels as she could fill them in her mat.

There were no restrictions. He just says, "Go borrow vessels and don't you get just a little bit." She could have come in with a tanker truck if she wanted to. I believe the oil would have supply whatever vessel she could have borrow an airliner or a cruise liner, that oil would have filled up whatever vessel was brought to that house. That's the unlimited supply of God Almighty. And so, what God has for our lives is

so much bigger than we could ever find them. It is so much greater than our minds could ever conceive, that is God's dream for us. God's dreams for us is so much bigger than the dream we have. Isn't that powerful? Man that just jumped out of me and he said, "Don't borrow just a few." Take a limit off of God. Believe God for bigger, greater, and better. Believe God to take you to the places you've never dreamed of or ever imagined. Miraculous Supply.

Also look at Verse 7 there. Look at Verse 7 and notice what it says there in Verse 7. "Then she came and told the man of God and he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay thy debt and live thou and thy children of the rest.'" Now, I want you to notice something here in this particular account on Miraculous Supply that he didn't just give her money. Now, she was in need of money but he didn't give her money. He gave her a way to make money, and I believe the process was there that God was teaching, that God teaches us industry and ingenuity. Everybody say those two words. God teaches us industry and ingenuity.

Now, if he could just given her the money, she would always been depended on somebody else. She would always been handicapped and limited in her life waiting on the handout, but no, he taught her how to think creatively. He though her how to strategize. He taught her how to use what she had and put herself into work, put herself in a business, if you don't have a job, create a job. So he taught her how to think, how to be creative, how to be resourceful, how to use resources. Notice, she employed her sons. You see, she didn't need a lot of staff because she has two boys and so she employed her sons. So, he was teaching her industry, and he taught her ingenuity. This is what I really begin to see that God, sometimes -- man, this is exciting. I always get excited. This is a Brother point. Sometimes God can give you miraculous supply by giving you an idea or an opportunity but you must act on it. Let me say that again. God can give you miraculous supply by giving you an idea or an opportunity but you must act on it. Turn to your neighbor and say, "You must act on it."

There's something interesting to note in this account, this profit. He made her do all the work. He did not do it for her. The Bible says that she have to pour out the oil. Saying like it could have been better if the man of God have it poured out the oil. Saying like the miracle would have been easy but that's not the way it worked. God wanted her to see that from her own industry, from own hands, supply was being supplied. And so, she had to pour out or she had to be responsible for getting the vessel. She had to be responsible and over that entire operation and so she had to act. He teaches us the importance of being responsible and the importance of taking action, importance of taking action.

I read this interesting quote, it's an awesome quote. The philosopher's name who wrote it is really unbelievable. I can't even begin to pronounce it. It's something like Leo Theo, that is that sound. Well, I don't know if this is his name but I'm

pronouncing it at the best of what I can. This is what Leo -- it sounds pretty good to me. Leo Theo said this, he said, "An ant on the move does more than a dosing ox." So, turn to your neighbor and say, "Get on the move." And Isaac Singer said this, he says, "When you are willing to make an effort, great miracles and wonderful treasures are in store."

So, God, sometimes he brings miraculous supply through an idea, through an opportunity but we must be willing to act on it. One of our young men who attends this ministry, he told me some weeks ago. He said that he was heavily involved in the real state industry which he had hard times and he was heavily involved in the mortgage industry which went right behind the real estate industry. So, he woke up one day and he realized that he had nothing. He said he asked God. He said, "God give me an idea so that I can provide, so that I can supply. God, give me an idea." He said, "God gave him an idea." I don't want to give away a secret, but it has something to do with the new eco-friendly or the green technology and the clean energy and all these type of things. And so God gave him an idea, and he came and showed me. He's a pastor. He's working. He said, "I'm going to my third year. It's growing, and God is supplying my needs." God gave you an idea. God gave you an opportunity, but you got to act on it. You got to act on it.

God is so rich with possibility. God is so rich with possibilities. His resources are unlimited. There's no like with God, there's no like with God. Folk's money as an idea. Money is an idea. All you need is an idea. You need an opportunity, and then you need to take action. You need to act on it. Turn to your neighbor and say, "Bust a move." And so there's something that was a little different about this miraculous supply. That was a little different than all of the others. He put this woman to work. Put her in the oil business and she had a booming oil business. Put her in business.

Now, this woman would never be the same. Her thinking had been expanded. She now knows how to sale. She now knows how to operate business. She now has employees and a staff. Her confidence has grown. Her self work and esteem has grown because this woman now -- if she ever runs low again, she knows exactly what to do. So, notice that if you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day and if you teach him how to fish, you feed for life. And so God taught this woman how to fish. And this is an important principle and I'm beginning to see a miraculous supply that God gave you an idea. He'd give you an opportunity, but it's up to you take action. It's up to you to be diligent and it's up to you to pursue and to do your part. There's always a God's with part and there's always with man work part.

So, you have to be willing to do your part. So, I mean the people just want to sit by and let God do everything for them. And God said, don't you have some legs and don't you have some arms? Didn't I gave you a mind and didn't I -- folks God is the creator. God is the creator, so he gives us the creative ideas and the strategies and the plans and ideas. And so God will often times give us miraculous supply by

giving us an opportunity. Folks, an opportunity is a blessing. People sitting around waiting on a blessing and God sent you an opportunity. Turn to your neighbor and say, "An opportunity is a blessing. | An opportunity is a blessing.

We've confused what blessing is. A blessing is an opportunity. It is an opportunity. A blessing is an opportunity. All you need is an opportunity. All you need is an idea that you can get started on. See folks, God had to have something to prosper. The Bible says he would prosper whatever you do. He didn't say he will prosper whatever you dreamed about. He didn't say he will prosper whatever you intend to do. The Bible says God will prosper whatever you do. You got to do something.

So, you have to put your hand to something in order for God to have something to prosper. God has to have something to multiply. So, you got some sell some seed. Turn to your neighbors and say, "You got to sell some seed". You got to give God something to multiply. He always had to be something. Whenever this miraculous supply took place, they always had to look around and see what is it that we can use? God always had to have something to multiply.

Now here's another important key. Since we're almost out of time I want to give you this final key, but God uses people. Turn to your neighbor and say, "God uses people." Now, notice in order for this miraculous supply to take place in this woman's life, her neighbors had to help her out. She wouldn't have those vessels if she hadn't has some good neighbors. She had some people who are willing to invest in her, who believe in her, who are wiling to help her. God uses people. Say that again. God uses people.

You know when Jesus fit the multitude? That was a little boy who had to give his lunch. God had to touch the heart of that little boy for him to give his lunch. If you don't think that was a miracle, you try getting a little boy to give up his lunch. Try to get one of James' boys to give up their lunch. That was a miracle. God had to touch that young boy's heart. That young boy, for him to have a heart of a giver at a young age, that hasn't been done before. Nobody has seen that. So, God uses people.

Now look, from the moment the fish and loaves were multiplied in Jesus' hand, and before they reached a hungry multitude, there had to be people between the two to serve. And see, they were disciples in between the multiplying hands of Jesus and the hungry multitude. Notice, it didn't just go from Jesus until the multitude -- no, it went from Jesus to the disciples and then from the disciples to the multitude. God uses people. Say it again. God uses people.

And notice even in the miraculous account, we covered about when Jesus turn water into wine, notice that there were servants who had to fill those water pots with water. They were servants who had to draw the water and take it to the governor of the feast until the wedding. God use people. Jesus turned the water into

wine, but Jesus did not draw one drop of wine out of that water pot. They were servants there who drew the wine and served it to the governor and to the wedding guests so, God always uses people in between the miraculous supply and the demand. God always uses people. Man, I wish I had a little time to talk about that. Turn to your neighbor and say, "God uses people."

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