

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Anointed - Part 3

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Introduction

All of us have the opportunity to live an anointed life. God puts you where you are right now because He wants to use you and what you can offer to Him for His glory. There are times when the busy-ness of our lives can prevent us from identifying what God wants to use or who God wants us to connect with for Him. If we are not keeping ourselves close to Him and reading His words, we may be more inclined to 'write off' the God opportunities before us. It is important for us as His disciples to open our eyes and truly see how God can and will use us - even through things that seem insignificant.

Bible Passage

Reading: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Discussion

1. What was the widow's posture when she told Elisha her problem? When you are in the middle of a problem, at what point do you usually seek help from others? At what point do you come to God?
2. In this passage we can see that God did a wondrous miracle using something that the widow perceived as nothing - a flask of oil that she already had in her possession (2 Kings 4:2). What gift, item or relationship do you already have that God might want to use? Once you name it, what is one step of bold faith that you can make to offer this to God?
3. What did Elisha tell the widow to do (2 Kings 4:3-4)? How did she react to it? If it was you, how would you react to Elisha's command? What is your understanding of faith in this sense?

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4. Read 2 Kings 4:5-6. When did the oil begin to multiply? When did it stop? What stopped it? How do you understand this part of the passage? What is your 'flask'? Oil? Jars? What can hinder and distract us from pouring the oil constantly and continuously?
5. Read 2 Kings 4:7. Where was Elisha when all this was happening? Why?
6. God specialises in making a lot out of a little. What other stories in the Bible can you recall when God has done much with very little offered to Him? Looking at one of these stories, what did God do? What are the characteristics of God and His provision?

Respond

We can see how God uses things that we may perceive as unimportant to bring Glory to His name. What is one thing you can do this week that will enable God to use you to bring His blessing to others. In pairs or triplets, talk about (1) how you are going to do it, and (2) to whom you are going to bring God's blessings. Pray together that God will show you the path to an anointed life.

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