

SERMON NOTES

Unleash: Fill It!

Pastor Carl Toti January 31 - February 1, 2015

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NLT)

¹ One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the LORD. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves."² "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, what do you have in the house?" "Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied. ³ And Elisha said, "Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors. ⁴ Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled." ⁵ So she did as she was told. Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another. ⁶ Soon every container was full to the brim! "Bring me another jar," she said to one of her sons. "There aren't any more!" he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing. ⁷ When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, "Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over."

GOD IS THE MASTER OF TAKING 'NOTHING' AND MAKING 'SOMETHING' OUT OF IT.

If nothing is all you see, than nothing is all you will ever have! When lack and deficiency is all you see, lack and deficiency will be all you'll ever have.

God creates out of nothing; and therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing of him. -Martin Luther

Jeremiah 32:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ "O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)

³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Matthew 17:20 (NLT)

²⁰ "You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."

2 Kings 4:3-4 (NLT)

³ "Here's what you do," said Elisha. "Go up and down the street and borrow jugs and bowls from all your neighbors. And not just a few—all you can get. ⁴ Then come home and lock the door behind you, you and your sons. Pour oil into each container; when each is full, set it aside."

Matthew 6:6 (NLT)

6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

If all you have is a little song, start singing it.	If all you have is a little wisdom, start using it.
If all you have is a little joy, start sharing it.	If all you have is a little money, start giving it.
If all you have is a little love, start giving it.	If all you have is a little gift start exercising it.

MIRACLES START WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, NOT WITH WHAT YOU NEED!!!

RECAP

- 1. Tragedy is no respecter of persons.
- 2. Miracles start with what you have not what you need.
- 3. God can take "nothing" and turn it into "something." As well as taking "something" and turning into "nothing."
- 4. Little is much when God is in it.
- 5. Those who are full walk away empty those who are empty walk away full.