

MORE THAN ENOUGH

2 Kings 4:1–7

Life has a way of reminding us what we don't have. Not enough time. Not enough energy. Not enough resources. Not enough answers. In 2 Kings 4, we meet people like us facing very real problems – debt, grief, hunger, and uncertainty. And right in the middle of it all, God shows up.

Day 1: Read 2 Kings 4:1–2.

The widow begins by naming honestly what has gone wrong and what she fears losing. When life feels overwhelming, what is hardest for you to name honestly to God or to someone you trust?

Day 2: Read 2 Kings 4:2.

Elisha asks the woman: “What can I do for you?” and “What do you have in your house?” When you focus on what is missing, what gifts, resources, relationships, or possibilities are easy to overlook?

Day 3: Read 2 Kings 4:3–4.

The woman is told to borrow empty jars from her neighbors. Where might receiving help from others be part of God's provision for you right now? What makes it difficult to ask?

Day 4: Read 2 Kings 4:4–5.

The miracle begins after the woman acts on instructions that probably made little sense. When have you had to take a faithful next step without knowing how it would work out?

Day 5: Read 2 Kings 4:5–6.

The oil continues to flow as long as there are empty jars available to receive it. Where in your life might you need to create some empty space; room to receive something new from God or from others?

Day 6: Read 2 Kings 4:6–7.

God's provision gives the woman and her children a new future. Where have you experienced “enough” becoming more than you expected, not necessarily in possessions, but in grace, strength, community, hope, or possibility?

When life feels like it's closing in, it's easy to focus on what we don't have. That's where this story begins: a widow with debt, fear, and almost nothing left. But God doesn't begin with what's missing. God begins with what's already in her house. And somehow, in ways she never could have imagined, it becomes more than enough. What if God's provision starts closer than you think?

God's provision often begins not with what we lack, but with what we already have.

MAKE ROOM

2 Kings 4:8–17

This story has an odd beginning. A woman simply makes room in her house for a prophet of God to come and stay anytime he wants. The Shunammite woman doesn't ask for anything. She simply creates room for God's presence in her everyday life. In time, that quiet act of faith opens the door for a miracle she never expected.

Day 1: Read 2 Kings 4:8.

The Shunammite woman begins with a simple act of hospitality: she invites Elisha to eat. What small act of welcome, generosity, or attention could create room for God to work through you this week?

Day 2: Read 2 Kings 4:8–10.

What begins as an occasional meal becomes an intentional space in the woman's home. What would it look like for you to intentionally make room for God rather than simply hoping to fit God into whatever time is left?

Day 3: Read 2 Kings 4:9–10.

The room the woman prepares is simple: a bed, table, chair, and lamp. What simple practice might help you become more attentive to God's presence?

Day 4: Read 2 Kings 4:11–13.

Elisha wants to repay the woman's kindness, but she doesn't appear to want anything. How might your relationship with God change if it becomes less about what you want God to do for you and more about simply being with, or spending time with, God?

Day 5: Read 2 Kings 4:14–16.

Elisha's servant Gehazi notices a longing in the woman's life that she hasn't shared. What hope or longing have you stopped talking about because it feels too vulnerable, unlikely, or painful to name?

Day 6: Read 2 Kings 4:16–17.

The woman receives something she didn't expect and, perhaps, had stopped allowing herself to even hope for. Where might God be inviting you to remain open to possibility without demanding a particular outcome?

What does it look like to make room for God before you need something from God?

When we make space for God in our lives, we often discover God has already been making space for us.

WHEN IT FALLS APART

2 Kings 4:18–37

A story that began with a miracle takes a devastating turn. The promised child is gone, and a family's hope is shattered. And yet, in the middle of grief and confusion, the Shunammite woman refuses to let go of God.

Day 1: Read 2 Kings 4:18–21.

The gift the woman once celebrated suddenly becomes the source of unimaginable grief. How do you respond when something you treasured changes, disappears, or does not turn out the way you hoped?

Day 2: Read 2 Kings 4:22–25.

In the middle of crisis, the woman gets up and goes looking for Elisha. When life falls apart, what helps you keep moving toward God rather than withdrawing from God?

Day 3: Read 2 Kings 4:25–28.

When the woman reaches Elisha, she refuses easy answers and tells him the truth. What pain, disappointment, anger, or confusion do you need permission to speak honestly before God?

Day 4: Read 2 Kings 4:29–31.

The first attempt to revive the boy doesn't yield immediate results. What helps you remain faithful when prayer, effort, or the solutions you hoped would work do not seem to change anything?

Day 5: Read 2 Kings 4:32–35.

Elisha enters the room, closes the door, prays, and stays even as it must seem hopeless. Who has been willing to stay with you in a painful season without trying to explain it away or rush you through it? How might you offer that kind of presence to someone else?

Day 6: Read 2 Kings 4:35–37.

The story ends with restored life, but only after grief, struggle, prayer, and persistence. Where do you need hope today, not certainty that everything will turn out as you want, but trust that loss and pain do not have the final word?

What do you do when what God has given you seems to fall apart?

Even when life falls apart, God is still at work bringing life out of what feels lost.

STILL MORE

2 Kings 4:38–44

Get ready for a bizarre Bible story! A meal turns dangerous. A crowd shows up hungry. The people don't think there will be enough. But God keeps showing up, in the middle of scarcity, fear, and uncertainty, with provision that defies expectations.

Day 1: Read 2 Kings 4:38–40.

The community is already living through famine when the food they gather unexpectedly becomes dangerous.

Have you ever reached a point when one problem seems to pile on top of another?
What helps you keep going when things go wrong?

Day 2: Read 2 Kings 4:38–41.

What has become harmful is transformed so that it can nourish the community again.
Where in your life do you long for God to restore or redeem something that has become broken, disappointing, or harmful?

Day 3: Read 2 Kings 4:41.

After fear that the meal would bring death, the community discovers that they can eat together again.

What helps restore trust after something, or someone, you depend on lets you down?

Day 4: Read 2 Kings 4:42.

In a time of scarcity, someone arrives offers what they have to the community.

What do you have that could become part of God's provision for someone else, even if it does not seem like very much?

Day 5: Read 2 Kings 4:42–43.

The servant sees twenty loaves and a few apples and one hundred hungry people and immediately does the math. There cannot possibly be enough.

Where are you tempted to decide what is possible based only on what you can see or only on your own experience?

Day 6: Read 2 Kings 4:43–44.

The people eat, have enough, and even have some left over.

Where have you discovered that God's "more than enough" often comes through ordinary people, ordinary resources, and faithful acts of sharing?

God doesn't just meet our needs once. God continues to provide, restore, and multiply in ways that sustain us over time. Where you see limits, God sees possibility.

God doesn't just provide enough for the moment; God continues to restore and multiply beyond what we expect.