

Not Just a Few

Family Discussion



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Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

2 Kings 4:3-6 (NIV)



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Discuss

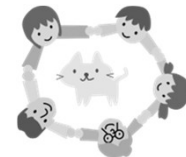


- Elisha told her to ask for not "just a few" jars. What do you think would have happened if she had gathered fewer jars? Why?
- What if all the jars gathered were full and the oil stopped flowing she had had her sons go out and look for even more jars? What do you think would have happened then?
- Her initial search for jars demonstrated both obedience and faith. Why are those two elements of our relationship to God so closely related?
- What situations of obedience and faith might God be calling us to in our family?

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Pray

- Thank God that he has provided faithfully for your family.
- Ask Him to guide you to ways in which you be trusting you more.
- Pray that God will give you the wisdom and courage to show that you are trusting Him by obeying His commands and His direction.
- Pray for people you know who may be in situations similar to as the widow in the story. Pray that they may experience God's provision for them.



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