

**NBC Devotional**  
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**“God Delivers”**

When I read this passage, I think about how many jars could have been filled.

A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves.”

So, Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil.”

Then he said, “Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones.”

So, she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.”

And he said to her, “There is not another vessel.” So, the oil ceased. (2 Kings 4: 1-6)

I believe God was willing to deliver without limitation. In fact, I would say, the only limitation was in the human’s ability to provide the vessel. The oil only stopped flowing when it was proclaimed that there were no more jars to be filled.

In that, I must wonder, do we set God-sized goals with the faith to see them fulfilled, or do we set human-size goals that we can reasonably affirm have some probability of success? I believe that the Lord wants to fill every jar we put out in faith; we just have to provide the jars.

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