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**Left in Need:** The Story of a Dead Prophet’s Family

***2 Kings 4:1-7***

*When serving God leaves you in need, how should you expect God to respond?*

5 Faith-Builder Truths for Ministry-Hearted Women (and men)…

1. **God will not leave his family to pay his debts** (4:1; cf. 1 Kgs 18:3-4).

 *Living a life of faith can be expensive and risky*

2. **What you already have and are willing to get will likely be instrumental in what God will use** (4:2; cf Ex 4:2).

 *How can* ***I*** *help you?*

 *What do* ***you*** *have?*

3. **God won’t do for you what he wants faith in him to do in you** (4:3-6a).

*When you decide to put your hope in God, every decision from that point is a believe or disbelieve moment.*

4. **The size of God’s work in our lives is based on the size of our faith effort** (4:6b; cf 2 Kgs 13:18; Lk 6:38).

 *Our ability to give, impacts what we are able to receive.*

 *God didn’t run out of oil; she ran out of jars—God doesn’t run out of anything.*

5. **Are you going to use what God is willing to give you for his purposes or for your own** (4:7)?

*We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the surpassing greatness of this power is of God and not from ourselves. (2 Cor. 4:7)*

*God’s treasure is a trust he risks on those who will be faithful.*

**Have you presented yourself to Jesus as an empty jar, seriously in debt, and willing to trust him to fill you?**