

LIFE GROUP CURRICULUM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

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SERMON SERIES: LIVING IN GOD'S ABUNDANCE

SERMON TITLE: "EXPECTATION IN EMPTINESS"

SCRIPTURE VERSE: 2 KINGS 4:1-7

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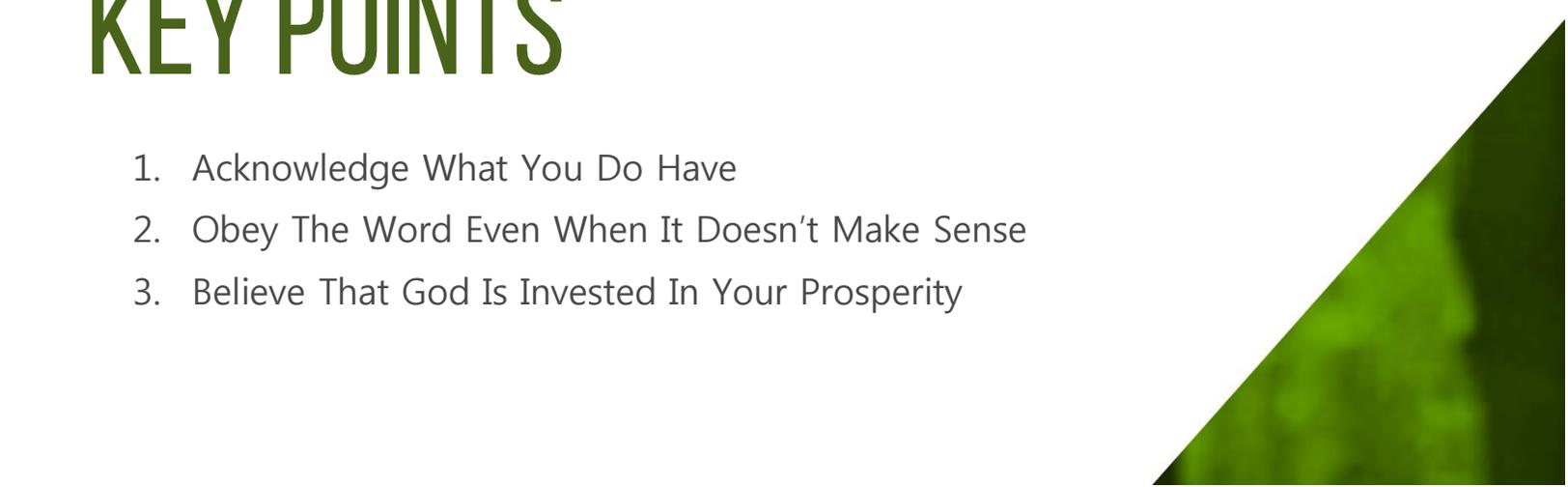


SERMON SUMMARY

SERMON RECAP

Expectation In Emptiness (Read 2 Kings 4:1-7): In this passage, we find a widow, who is facing the emptiness left by the death of her husband. She is also shackled by mounting debt that she does not have resources to pay. The Bible says she only has one jar of oil and she does not have much time to get her situation together—the creditor has come and is ready to take her sons. In this state of extreme emptiness, she receives a Word from the prophet Elisha. This word from Elisha engenders expectation, which is demonstrated by her obedience. Her level of expectation in emptiness or scarcity also determines the level of abundance she will experience. The oil does not run empty until the last jar is filled! She has so much oil that she can pay her debts and live on what's left over (great abundance). This text teaches us the power of faithful expectation in our emptiness when expectation seems nonsensical.

KEY POINTS

1. Acknowledge What You Do Have
 2. Obey The Word Even When It Doesn't Make Sense
 3. Believe That God Is Invested In Your Prosperity
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FACILITATORS

FOR YOU!

Remember to begin each Life Group session with a word of prayer. This curriculum guide contains a brief summary of the sermon of the week as well as the discussion questions for this week. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the sermon.

LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP!

1. Has God ever told you to do something that didn't make sense? How did you respond? What was the outcome?
2. How have you experienced God's abundance this year?

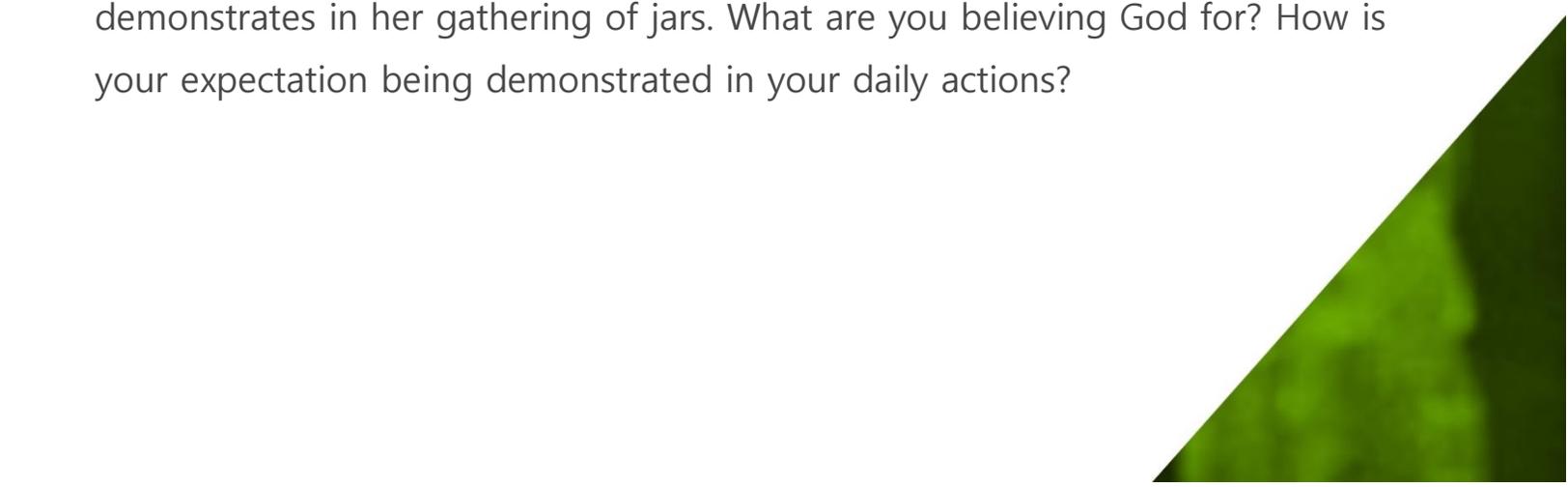


LIFE GROUP STUDY

DIVING INTO THE WORD!

1. Have you ever experienced provision by being obedient to the Word? If so, tell us about it.
2. How have you shorted yourself by not being fully obedient to God's Word?

LET'S GO DEEPER!

1. God used the little bit of oil that the woman had in her possession to provide for her. What is your little bit? What is God calling you to do with it?
 2. In the story, the oil does not run out until the last jar is filled. This means that her experience of abundance is directly tied to the expectation that she demonstrates in her gathering of jars. What are you believing God for? How is your expectation being demonstrated in your daily actions?
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LIFE GROUP STUDY

LIVE IT OUT!

1. This week, be intentional and designate 15 minutes in the morning, afternoon, and evening for meditating on God's word.
 2. Ask God to reveal what He wants you to do with your little bit and fully obey what He tells you to do.
 3. Take some time and reflect on at least 3 ways you have experienced God's abundance in your life and share with someone.
 4. Share Sunday's sermon with someone and invite them to church.
 5. Plan to attend worship service this Sunday and Refresh this Wednesday.
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