

Breakthrough Miracle

2 Kings 4:1-7

A breakthrough miracle is a miracle that breaks you through into a new way of life. So, a regular miracle would've just paid this woman's debt and she would've still been broke and eventually back in the same place. But a breakthrough miracle is a miracle that doesn't leave you where you're at. It's a miracle that propels you into a new level of living and breaks the cycles.

God wants us to begin to believe for breakthrough miracles. I believe that this story gives us some keys to getting a breakthrough miracle.

Key #1: Don't diminish the value of what you have in your house. (v2)

- When this woman came to the prophet for help, He knew that God was going to use something she already had in her house to get this breakthrough.
 - o Sometimes the key to your breakthrough is something you already have. It is the knowledge, talents, abilities, money, resources you already have.
- But I'm sure this woman thought all I have that has any kind of value is this pot of oil but it's not valuable enough to do anything for this situation.
 - o But what she didn't understand was this pot of oil by itself may not have enough value to change her situation but submitted to the will of the Lord its value was going to be more than enough.
 - o Sometimes we miss the breakthroughs in our life because we spend so much time diminishing the value of the things God blesses us with. To the point that when God gets ready to use something of yours to change your life, he can't talk you into letting him use it because you have convinced yourself of how useless it is.
 - o But what you have to understand is whatever I put in the hands of God becomes mighty no matter how small or insignificant it looks.
 - o Little is much when God is in it (Grandma Relliford)

Key #2 expectation (v3)

- Borrow not a few
 - o This meant that the prophet was expecting God to produce a great abundance of oil out of this little pot.
- Expectation is a sign of faith.
 - o Where there is faith, there is expectancy, and where there is no faith working, there is no expectancy.
- But notice here that expectancy was going to be seen in her preparation for the miracle.
 - o If you are truly believing, then you are expecting and if you are expecting then you are preparing.

- If you aren't prepared for the miracle then you aren't really believing and expecting the miracle and it isn't coming.
- Notice that the oil stopped pouring when they had no more pots to fill.
 - If they would've handed her another pot, more oil would've come out.
 - This means that the size of your miracle is in direct proportion to size of your expectation.
 - If she would've borrowed a couple vessels, that's all the oil she would've got.

Key #3 shut the door (v4)

- The prophet specifically told her to shut the door upon her and her two sons.
 - Understand that there was a process to this miracle. A crazy process. So crazy that it probably had the whole community talking and wondering what was going on with this woman.
 - There will sometimes be a process to your breakthrough miracle where the Lord will have you doing things that looks crazy or foolish.
 - So if she didn't shut the door on her and her two sons, there may have been people come by like skeptics, doubters, naysayers, that would've laughed her to scorn and made her feel insecure about what she was doing and maybe even talk her out of what she was doing.
 - Understand something. Not everybody can handle the process to your breakthrough miracle.
 - Not everybody needs to be a part of your process or even know about your process because if they saw it, they would talk you out of it.
 - So sometimes when you are believing and trusting God for a breakthrough miracle, there are some people you are going to have to shut the door on.