

Wednesday March 11th
Miracle Man - 2 Kings 1-4

Opening

Besides salvation, have you witnessed God do anything in your life (or someone close to you) that you would consider miraculous?

Digging Deeper

Message Review: In chapters 1-4 we read about the final days of Elijah the prophet, his translation into heaven and how his ministry was continued through his protegee, Elisha. Two remarkable things about Elisha are the number of miracles he performed and how these miracles so often ministered to the common people. In this way his ministry was a reflection of the ministry of Jesus. Today we'll focus on one of these miracles. **READ** 2 Kings 4:1-7

- 1) In verse 1, why was it appropriate for the widow to seek God's help? Why was it appropriate for her to come specifically to Elisha as opposed to another prophet? List as many reasons as you can for each. Can any of these reasons apply to us when we seek God's help?

- 2) Verse 2 indicates God will use the little bit of resource the widow does have to sustain her. It's one of several "multiplication" miracles in the Bible. What do these miracles require of the person in need? Why do you think God sometimes works in this way?

- 3) Elisha gives instructions in verses 3-4. What do you think it was like for the widow to talk to her sons and then to go to their neighbors and ask for empty vessels? Awkward? Foolish? Exciting? Do you think this is a good example of how it can feel to exercise faith?

- 4) Compare verse 5 with verses 32-33 later in the chapter where Elisha prays for the dead boy to be raised. In both instances the door was shut while the miracles occurred? Why would the widow and Elisha do this?

- 5) We see in verses 6-7 that the widow's reward was in proportion to the exercise of her faith—every vessel she had was filled with oil. Why do you think God rewards our faith?

Application

1. Based on this passage, why should we seek the Lord for help with "impossible" things?

2. What are some practical ways we can follow the widow's example in exercising faith?

Prayer

1. What is something from this passage that we can pray for?

2. Pray for personal needs.