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KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17:14 NKJV *For thus says the LORD God of Israel: **The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry**, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.*

1 Kings 17:14 NLT *For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: **There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers** until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!*

1. My God is my source

The ravens, the brook, and the widow were all channels. God was the source the whole time. Jehovah Jireh means He sees... provision was scheduled before the need arrived, and the cross settled the question of whether He's willing.

1 Kings 17:9 *Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, **I have commanded** a widow there to provide for you.*

Mark 1:40-41 *40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "**I am willing**; be cleansed."*

Where have you been treating a channel like the Source... a job, a paycheck, a person?

Is there a dried-up brook in your life right now... something that used to work but stopped? What might God be redirecting you toward?

2. Faith gives first

Elijah asked for the first, and the promise came before anything multiplied. Her obedience happened in the gap between the word and the evidence. God wasn't collecting her flour. He was converting her trust.

1 Kings 17:13 *And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it **first**, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son."*

Proverbs 3:9-10 *Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the **firstfruits** of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.*

What's your handful of flour? The thing that feels safest to keep your grip on

What's the difference between giving as a transaction and giving as worship? Which one have you been doing lately?

3. My jar will not run dry

God didn't fill a barn. He sustained a bin, every single morning, until the day He sent rain. Daily bread is a nearness prayer, and He's still sustaining you in quiet ways you stopped counting.

1 Kings 17:16 *The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.*

Luke 22:35 *And He said to them, “When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, **did you lack anything?**” So they said, “Nothing.”*

Looking back did you lack anything? What quiet provision have you stopped counting?

Which is harder for you right now, the empty test or the full test and why?

The Provider became the provision

On the mountain where Abraham learned the name Jehovah Jireh, a sentence stayed open for two thousand years... God will provide for Himself the lamb. At the cross, He did. If He gave the Lamb, flour and oil are pocket change.

Romans 8:32 *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also **freely give us all things?***

2 Corinthians 8:9 *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

How does the cross settle the “is He willing” question for you personally?

What are you believing God for that only He can do and have you asked Him out loud?

COMMENTARY

Jack Hayford

Hayford points to the widow's first cake as worship before it was economics. When she honored God's word ahead of her own survival math, she stepped into kingdom order: seek Him first and the supply follows. The Spirit still invites believers to let worship, not worry, set the sequence of their lives.

Jimmy Swaggart

Swaggart reads the barrel of meal and cruse of oil as a picture of God's provision flowing through faith in what God has said. The supply was sustained according to the word of the LORD, and every promise of provision ultimately flows through the sacrifice... the true Bread that came down from heaven. Faith placed in the finished work releases what God has promised.

Matthew Henry

Henry observes that the meal multiplied in the spending, not in the hoarding. The widow gave out of her want and found that those who deny themselves for God never lose by Him. The bin stayed low but never empty, because God's word never runs out before His promise is fulfilled.

SOAP

S is for Scripture. Write out the verse that stands out to you, word for word. The full verse, not a summary.

O is for Observation. What's happening in the passage? Who's speaking, what's promised, what's commanded?

A is for Application. Where does this touch your actual week... your money, your work, your worry, your giving?

P is for Prayer. Turn the verse into a prayer back to God, in your own words.

THIS WEEK'S READING

Day 1: 1 Kings 17:1-7. God feeds Elijah by ravens, then lets the brook dry up.

Day 2: 1 Kings 17:8-16. The widow gives first and the jar doesn't run dry.

Day 3: Matthew 6:25-34. Birds, lilies, and daily bread... seek first the kingdom.

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. God is able to make all grace abound... an abundance for every good work.

Day 5: Philippians 4:10-19. A giving church and a God who supplies all your need.