

Getting Ready for My Makeover
Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study
February 6, 2019

This evening we will take a voyage through the faithful word of God to discover how to live abundantly on what is left.

2 Kings 4:7 NKJV⁷ She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

In chapter 4 of 2 Kings this is the second time the prophet Elisha said Go. Thus far the prophet Elisha instructed the woman of God, the widow to do something that would appear not to make sense to most people. Gathering empty jars, and don't ask for just a few. The widow was concerned about her financial house being in order.

Q1: What was the 1st miracle in 2 Kings 4?

Q2: What was the 2nd miracle in 2 Kings 4?

Prophet Elisha told the widow the results of her obedience in verse 7 abundant life.

John 10:10 NJKV¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Q3: What part of your life is empty and needs to be filled with oil (holy spirit)?

When Dr. Bailey found herself to be a widow and reality set in, she discovered that she also needed to some places to be filled. Her biggest question in having to make decisions was could she live on what was left. Dr. Bailey then had to rely on the Holy spirit to guide her to speak with people that had worked with her husband. She knew they worked for or with her husband, but she was not sure who she could trust. Like the widow in 2 Kings 4 she too had to work with what she had left and rely on people that knew her husband. Dr. Bailey found herself concerned with her financial house. What plan can we make to get our financial house in order?

1. List what you know about you or your family's finances.
2. What do you need to know about you or your family's finances that you don't know now?
3. Do you know what essential documents you need to have ready access to in case of an emergency?
4. Do you have enough money for the first thirty days, sixty days, or longer following a major loss- death of a loved one, loss of a job, personal health issue, or natural disaster?
5. Who is your accountability partner?

In groups:

***Mini Case study:** Sister California wants to grow in the Lord. But, there is always something that keeps her from doing the right thing. Her "want to" doesn't match what she does. She wants to pray more, study, attend church, and serve others, but the list is long why she doesn't. Analyze what is really happening in her life; what are the consequences if she continues doing what she is doing and what advise do you have for her.

G1 Q1: Sister California says she doesn't have enough time! What advise do you have for her?

G2 Q2: Sister California says that she isn't growing because looking at the church folk with their problems and hypocrisies doesn't motivate her to do better. What advise do have for her?

G3 Q3: Sister California's job is so demanding. She goes to work EARLY, stays LATE. She doesn't get enough sleep. Prayer and study, she asks WHEN?

G4 Q4: Sister California asks "Isn't Sunday service enough? Since I believe in Jesus and I'm going to heaven why do more?"

Personal Questions to reflect on:

How do we live qualitatively and not quantitatively? _____

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What hand were you dealt that left you with leftovers, and how have you used your experience to enrich your life and others?

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"Faith is acting like it is so, even if it ain't so, until it becomes so"

Quote by Dr. E.K. Bailey

Makeovers with Leftovers by Dr. Sheila Bailey

Chapter 4