WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH

TEXT: 1 Kings 17: 9 – 16

Verse #9 – “A widow woman there to sustain thee.”

God uses the most unlikely people to help you sometimes.

(I Cor. 1:25-29)

Verse #10 – Elijah obeyed, “he arose and went.” He told the widow, “fetch me, I pray thee, a little water ...” (John 7:38) Jesus is the Living Water.

Verse #11 – Elijah also asked her, “Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.” JESUS IS THE BREAD. (John 6:35 & 48)

WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?

Verse #12 – The widow was gathering 2 sticks to make her last meal, with her son. It was a handful of meal and oil (representing the Holy Spirit). She said, “that we may eat it, and die.” SHE WAS DISCOURAGED!
Verse #13 – Elijah said, “Fear not, go and do, but make me thereof a little cake FIRST and bring it unto me and after make for thee and for thy son.” God was testing the widow to see if she would believe the man of God and obey. (Matthew 6:33)

Verse #14 – God speaks through Elijah, “thus saith the Lord...” DO YOU KNOW GOD’S VOICE SPEAKING TO YOUR HEART?

Elijah told the widow “the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruise of oil fail UNTIL the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.”

NOTE! Keep doing what you’re doing UNTIL God re-directs you.
(Proverbs 3:5 & 6)

“The rain” represents the precious Holy Spirit. (Joel 2:28-32)
(Acts 2:16-21)

Verse #15 – “She went and did ...” The widow believed and obeyed.
“...she, and he (Elijah), and her house (the boy and anyone else in the house), did eat many days.” SHE PUT FAITH INTO ACTION!
(James 2:14, 17, 20, 24, 26)

Verse #16 – God’s word is true! II Timothy 3:16 & 17 / John 17:17 / Psalm 119:151 / Numbers 23:19.
GOD WILL PROVIDE  (Philippians 4:19)

BIBLE EXAMPLES:

1) Israel in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 2:7)

2) Elijah in the wilderness (I Kings 19:6)

3) Prophet Elisha & the widow’s oil  (II Kings 4:6)

4) Feeding the 5,000  (Matthew 14:20)