

SUPERNATURAL

HOW GOD HELPS PEOPLE

LESSON 2 // THE MIRACLE OF SUPPLY

Big Idea: Every miracle in the Bible and in our lives begins with a point of limitation. We have to come to a point of need to experience a miracle.

Our needs direct us to God. We must recognize that, in the midst of our limitations, He is able to supply what we need. This often starts with a seed in our “house” that we can sow in simple faith and obedience to the Lord. We sow by believing a miracle is possible, doing what God asks us to do with what we have, persistently asking Him to work and increasing our expectations that He will do it. This is a personal, daily process of obedience, prayer and trust in His miraculous provision and blessing.

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NIV) *The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.”² Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” “Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a small jar of olive oil.”³ Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few.”⁴ Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.”⁵ She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring.⁶ When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.” But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.⁷ 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.”*

Start Talking:

- What good things would have to happen in the second half of 2020 to make up for how tough the first half of 2020 has been?
- What might be some opportunities that could come from such a challenging 2020?

Start Thinking:

- Difficult times work to show us that we need resources and that our needs can direct us to God. Has there been a time in your life when there was a great need (emotionally, financially, relationally, etc.)? How did you respond in that season of life?
- **Read 2 Kings 4:1.** Our needs can work to draw us back to God. How do you think we should respond during times of great need? What are some common ways that you respond to your needs?
- **Read 2 Kings 4:2.** In the story, Elisha asks the widow how he can help and what resources does she have? God desires to help us, and often times has given us resources that are part of the solution. Why do you think it can be easy to miss what God has given us in the middle of our needs?
- **Read James 2:17 & Hebrews 11:6.** For a tree to grow, the initial step of planting a small seed must occur. Likewise, God requires us to have faith and to be obedient to him in the process. Why is this challenging for you? What can you focus on this week to begin moving you in that direction?

Start Praying:

Take a few moments and ask group members to share (if they are comfortable) some areas of needs in their lives. Once you are done, pray together that God would meet needs and allow your group members to be a blessing to others.

Start Doing:

- Attend church online this coming weekend - <https://church-redeemer.churchonline.org>. If possible host a watch party over Facebook and be part of service with your group.