

How many things have you run out of? I can think of a few, money, patience, energy, food, bait, golf balls, time, gasoline, nails, firewood, wisdom, rope, options, milk, eggs, sugar, ...

During a years-long drought and resulting famine, a poor Sidonian widow and single mother had all but run out of food. It is tough to be poor, there are no margins, and in times of crisis, the poor are the first ones to suffer. She was out of money and options, so she planned to make one last meal and then face starving to death together with her son.

What she didn't know was that God had issued an order, a command regarding her. **Then the word of the LORD came to *Elijah*: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."**

So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread--only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it--and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'"

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So, there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by *Elijah*. 1 Kings 17:8-16 (NIV, italics mine)

That widow didn't have a supply of food, but God did. God multiplied what little was left in her flour bowl and oil jug to sustain the prophet, her son, and her. They didn't have to carefully ration the daily supply; they could eat all they wanted.

Who knows, maybe she even opened a little bakery, fed others who were in the same desperate situation.

Can you imagine the first loaf of bread she baked? Seeing the words of the prophet come true right there in her kitchen, looking at a full bowl of flour and oil jug as she took the first loaf out of the oven?

Have you ever told God that you didn't have enough for what He wanted you to do? Not enough education, skill, resources, energy, time, influence, and ...? "God, I don't even have enough to take care of myself, I can't take on feeding another mouth." "God, this is definitely not the right time. I can see doing that down the road." "God, I am too old (young), too unqualified, too weak, too sick, too poor, too ..." "God, look at my flour bowl, my paycheck, my bank account, my situation, and You'll understand."

God's orders, decrees, and commands will never lack provision and resources. He can make time run backward, turn water into wine, take a boy's lunch and feed a crowd of 5000+ and still have leftovers, fill another desperate widow's empty pots with enough oil to pay her debts and sustain her family.

I don't know what God has specifically commanded regarding you. Still, I do know that He has commanded for you and me to believe in Jesus Christ, to do His will, to love and serve Him with all our hearts and strength, to seek His kingdom, and to point the entire world to Jesus the Savior of the world. For the Sidonian widow, that meant taking care of Elijah, learning to obey God's commands daily, and discovering that she could trust God to provide and fill her flour bowl and oil jar.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

The Cox Family, Suzie Frei, Bob Sykes, Steve Prinz, Antonio (surgery), Derrill Coffman, Lisa Boer, Holman Family, Kroeker Family, Bob Clayton, Philip Law, those dealing with addiction, hose who have lost family members

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or e-mail **Judy Mahar** at ldpbcprayer@gmail.com with your prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon , Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler

September Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday @ 10:00AM
- GriefShare - Wednesday @ 6:30 PM

**Church Board Meeting
September 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:

"Han's Class"

Thank you

Next week "Dennis's Class" is up!!

If you notice someone has been absent from Small Group or Worship Services for awhile, why not call them or stop by to let him/her know that they have been missed. A kindness that cost you nothing could mean everything to someone who is suffering in the silence of self-exile.

Giving

September 8, 2024

Offering:
\$3,166.05

Facilities:
\$15.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Attendance:
86

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM

GriefShare - 6:30 PM

Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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**Bible Reading Plan - 2024
September 16th - September 22nd**

DAY 1 - 2 Kings 11-12
(Psalms 105)

DAY 2 - 2 Kings 13-14
(Psalms 106)

DAY 3 - 2 Kings 15-16
(Psalms 107)

DAY 4 - 2 Kings 17-18
(Psalms 108)

DAY 5 - 2 Kings 19-20
(Psalms 109)

DAY 6 - Psalms 110
DAY 7 - Psalms 111

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.