

27. Elisha Helped a Poor Widow

2 Kings 4:1-7 CEV

One day the widow of one of the LORD's prophets said to Elisha, "You know that before my husband died, he was a follower of yours and a worshiper of the LORD. But he owed a man some money, and now that man is on his way to take my two sons as his slaves."

"Maybe there's something I can do to help," Elisha said. "What do you have in your house?"

"Sir, I have nothing but a small bottle of olive oil."

Elisha told her, "Ask your neighbors for their empty jars. And after you've borrowed as many as you can, go home and shut the door behind you and your sons. Then begin filling the jars with oil and set each one aside as you fill it." The woman left.

Later, when she and her sons were back inside their house, the two sons brought her the jars, and she began filling them.

At last, she said to one of her sons, "Bring me another jar."

"We don't have any more," he answered, and the oil stopped flowing from the small bottle.

After she told Elisha what had happened, he said, "Sell the oil and use part of the money to pay what you owe the man. You and your sons can live on what is left."



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ANOTHER	FOLLOWER	OIL
BEFORE	HELP	OLIVE
BORROWED	HOUSE	OWNED
BOTTLE	HUSBAND	PROPHETS
BROUGHT	INSIDE	SLAVES
DAY	JARS	SMALL
ELISHA	LIVE	SONS
EMPTY	MONEY	STOPPED
FILLING	NEIGHBORS	WIDOW
FLOWING	NOTHING	WORSHIPER