

## Lady and Oil

### May 10, 2026

As you gather together, may this be a space to slow down, listen well, reflect honestly, and grow in faith. There is no pressure to have all the answers or say the "right" thing – only an invitation to be present with God and one another. Trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in your conversations, gently leading, encouraging, and shaping hearts along the way.

### Open up together:

- What's something small or simple that ended up meaning a lot to you?
- Have you ever had to do something that felt awkward or risky before you knew how it would turn out?

### Read Together:

#### **II Kings 4:1**

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 little 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 afterward 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."

## Reflect & Share:

- What part of this story stood out to you most, and why?
- Why do you think the woman almost overlooked her “little jar of oil”?
- Why do you think God asked the woman to gather empty jars before the miracle happened?
- Have you ever felt like you didn’t have much to offer God? What made you feel that way?
- What keeps people from offering God what they have – even when it seems small?
- The oil stopped when there were no more empty jars. What do you think that teaches us about faith, expectation, or openness to God?
- Have you ever seen God use something small in your life in a bigger way than you expected?
- Which statement speaks to you more right now:  
  
“God can bless what you are willing to give.”  
or  
“The only thing limiting this woman was her faith”?  
Why?
- How does this story challenge the way we think about weakness, emptiness, or not having enough?

## Pray Together:

Give everyone a small piece of paper. Ask them to quietly write: “What is my little jar of oil?”

It could be:

- time,
- encouragement,
- generosity,
- creativity,

- forgiveness,
- serving,
- trust,
- rest,
- or simply faith.

**Pray:**

“God, help us trust You with what we have, even when it feels small. Teach us to place our lives, gifts, and faith into Your hands and believe that You can do more than we imagine.”