**God on Nothing**

**2 Kings 4:1-7 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**The Widow’s Oil** *you’ve heard the story?*

1. Now one of the wives of a man of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha [for help], saying “Your servant, my husband is dead, and you know that your servant *(her husband)* [reverently] feared the LORD; but the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves [in payment for a loan].”

 2.  Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have [of value] in the house?”

She said, “Your maidservant *(that’s her)* has nothing in the house except a [small] jar of [olive] oil.”

3. Then he said,

“Go, and borrow containers from all your neighbors, empty containers—and not just a few.

4.  Then you shall go in *(to your dwelling)* and shut the door behind you; you and your sons, and pour out [the oil you have] into all these containers, and you shall set aside each one when it is full.”

5.  So she left him and shut the door behind her and her sons; they were bringing her the containers as she poured [the oil].

6.  When the containers were all full,

she said to her son, “Bring me another container.” And he said to her, “There is not a one left.” Then the oil stopped [multiplying].

7.  Then she came and told the man of God. *(that’s Elisha)* He said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your

debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest.”

What happened here?

*\*\*Explain the story. Many containers were filled from one jar. In fact a small jar. WE are not told how big the borrowed containers were. WE do know that they were “Containers” not jars??, they could have been huge??*

*All the containers were filled from the ONE small jar.*

*And there were MANY borrowed containers.*

*As a thought. What might have happened if the Woman had NOT done as the Prophet instructed. If she was NOT obedient to the Prophet?*

*Also notice that she was told to do this container filling in private. Just her and her sons.*

*Maybe her faith may have been effected if OTHER people were involved? Like saying, that’s impossible. No nothing will happen>Ect.*

The word “nothing” or no-thing in the World has a very negative

meaning.

When somebody says I have nothing, the first thought that goes

through one’s mind is - empty, poor, valueless.

The definition of nothing – not anything; no-thing; something that does not exist.

We may have a little trouble defining it, but we know what nothing is. Nothing is an emptiness or a void.

We also know what nothing is good for—nothing. You can’t do something with nothing. You can’t make something out of nothing. You have to at least have something to start with. Nothing is useless, it is helpless.

Nothing is hopeless. This is the normal concept, the normal definition, and understanding of “nothing.”

But God doesn’t see nothing like we see it.

In fact, nothing in the hands of God is exactly opposite of what it is in our hands.

Because for God “nothing” is the raw material for **everything.**

God stood on nothing, spoke to nothing, and said, “Let there be” and

from nothing sprang something in fact **everything.**

The Bible says that in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form and void.

Thats no-thing, nothing, but God took that nothing in His hands, and created the stars into their places both were nothing. In fact NO – THING.

He spoke to nothing and the world sprung into existence.

He spoke again and mountains arose, seas gathered, and all of life

began.

When He speaks storms calm, diseases die, demons flee, and souls are transformed.

God doesn’t need chemo to cure cancer. Nor surgery to give a new

heart.

God can do **anything** with nothing. In fact, God can reach into nothing and grasp a door handle that does not exist, swing open a door that is not there and **make a way** where **there is no way**.

For God, **nothing** is the **raw material for everything**

He called a dead man back to life. He took five loaves and two fishes

and fed thousands. He turned water into wine. He’s healed when the

doctors have tried everything. He forgives when it seems **unforgivable**. And He took us and **made us saints.**

If You think you have a problem and nothing can be done about it. Maybe You don’t really know Jesus.

If You think you have gone too far and nothing can help you now.

Maybe You don’t really know Jesus.

Aren’t you glad you serve a God that can make **something** out of

**nothing?**

Aren’t you glad you serve a God that can take the **impossible** and make it possible?

Aren’t you glad you serve a God that can turn any situation around.

**This should be really important to us?**

Because if you feel you are **nothing,** and that you have

**Nothing to offer**, that you’re empty and helpless, then you are exactly what God needs to perform **a miracle**.

The closer we are to **nothing**, the more powerful God is in our lives.

The **less** we can do, the **more** He can do. The **smaller** we are, the **bigger** He is. The **weaker** we are, the **stronger** He is.

It’s when **we are nothing that He becomes everything**.

Luke 1:37 Amplified Bible (AMP)

*says*

**37**For with God nothing [is or ever] shall be impossible.”

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Jeremiah 32:17 Amplified Bible (AMP)

**17**‘Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! There is nothing too difficult *or* too wonderful for You—

Jesus’ disciples fished all night. They tried, but circumstances

Seemed to work against them: “We have fished all night. “

They weren’t out there playing around, They weren’t out there wasting time, but they were fishing. They fished all night and fished hard, but caught **nothing**…

They had boatloads of **nothing**. Their ice chests were full of **nothing.**

Their nets were full of **nothing**. They were quick to admit it was not

their fault. They had tried hard but came up empty.

God smiles a big smile and says, “Perfect! Let me have your **nothing** and let me show you what I can do with your **nothing**. Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a drought.”

He scooped up the **boatload of nothing**, and when He was finished with it, they had so many fish their nets began to break and the boat began to sink.

Man, that’s a LOT OF SOMETHING

We need to realize that we are nothing and that’s okay, because Jesus

is everything. He will take our nothing and turn it into something.

Jesus said “Without me, you can do nothing.”

No plainer statement was ever made by the Lord. Nothing is possible

without Him. On our own, we are helpless.

When we recognize this fundamental truth and commit ourselves to

becoming **“nothing,”** we are placing ourselves in the hand of God.

That’s why we face storms sometimes; God needs to remind us we need Him.

We are nothing without Him, He is our Everything. With Him, anything is possible.

It says in

John 15:7 Amplified Bible (AMP)

**7**If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.

Without Him, we are helpless and hopeless. Without His presence and Spirit we can do nothing;

with Him we can do anything.

It’s a mathematical equation:

X + Jesus = Everything

X – Jesus = Nothing

Jesus equals everything.

When we think that we are what matters, that we are the ones getting the job done, that it is **our strength, power, and ability**, we are so wrong.

If I were to leave, the church is not going to stop. The work of God is not going to end because I am not part of it.

Jesus is the power. He is the glory. It’s His magnificence that makes it mall happen.

He is everything.

When we are full of ourselves, sufficient in ourselves, and trust in

ourselves, we are cutting off Gods ability to use us.

**\*\*MUSICIANS UP PLEASE – play quietly ☺**

When we recognize and confess, “I cannot do it without you, Jesus.”

I cannot sing without You.

I cannot preach without You.

I cannot pray without You

I cannot win anyone without You.

I can’t even walk without You.

He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think

Us without Jesus equals zero. Us with Jesus equals everything. There is power, there is potential, and there is possibility when Jesus is in the equation.

Luke 1:37 Amplified Bible (AMP)

**37**For with God nothing [is or ever] shall be impossible.”

This means: as long as you have God **something** is going to happen.

When God shows up, glory shows up.

When God shows up, power comes with Him.

When God shows up, so does deliverance.

When God shows up, healing rides along.

When God shows up, revival is not far behind.

Do you understand what I’m saying?

We need Him in our lives. He needs to be Active in our lives daily

When we commit ourselves and become **nothing**; **anything is possible**.

God wants to use **nothing** and make **something** happen.

There is Incredible potential when somebody becomes nothing in the Master’s hands.

**2 Chronicles 7:14 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**14**and My people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray and seek (crave, require as a necessity) My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear [them] from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.

#  **Deuteronomy 2:7 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**7**For the Lord your God has blessed you in all [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+2%3A7++&version=AMP#fen-AMP-4946a)]that you have done; He has known about your wanderings through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.”’

**Genesis 11:6 New International Version (NIV)**

**6**The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

Hey listen.

God wants to do **something** in this place today.

God wants to make **something** happen today.

The alter is open. I want pray for you, do not sit there, come up and Pastor Paul and I will pray for you.

Who will be the first to come and say take **my nothing** and make

**something out of me**?

Don’t allow complacency to control you. Act on that small voice within.