



BRAVE WOMEN RUN IN MY FAMILY

W I D O W O F Z A R E P H A T H

SISTERHOOD CONNECT STUDY 11

WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH - KNOWN

'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 17:16, NIV)

The Widow of Zarephath did not have any hope left (1 Kings 17:1-24). She was about to have a last meal with her son before she would starve and die. But God saw her, He knew her situation, and provided for her. She was neither forgotten nor forsaken by God. The same is true for us: no matter our circumstances and how our life looks like – God sees us and knows us and He is able to bring us through impossible situations.

There are several lessons we can learn from the widow of Zarephath:

- 1) Generosity is a way of life regardless of circumstances
- 2) Never underestimate the miracle in an act of kindness
- 3) The next step in your destiny could be as simple as what she did
- 4) The miracle of first fruit that worked back then still works today
- 5) God's love and care is indiscriminately available
- 6) There is promise of provision for those who are alone, for those who hide themselves in God
- 7) A widow's mite fuelled and kept alive the prophet, allowing the 'spiritual oil and bread of the day' to continue to flow

Consider the following questions in relation to your own life:

- Read 1 Kings 17:1-24.
- What strikes you particularly?
- Discuss the seven lessons that Bobbie drew out from the widow's story. Which one speaks most to you personally and why?
- Share a situation when you have been generous towards others in the midst of challenging circumstances. How have you seen God bless you in the midst of it?
- Read Matthew 10:40-41. What do these verses tell you about God and His attitude towards those who do acts of kindness?
- Read Luke 21:1-4. No matter how big or small your gift is God can use it to bring about unusual miracles! What do you have in your hand that you want to offer God (e.g. your time, love, acts of kindness, etc.)



Action: What do you see as your next simple step in the journey towards your destiny? What action will you take over the next couple of weeks?

Pray: Pray for each other that you would know that you are never forgotten or forsaken by God and that out you would learn to trust Him more and to be a blessing.

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