



Increase of the Widow's Oil

(2 Kings 4:1–7)

A widow who had been a wife of one of the prophets went to Elisha and said, "Your servant, my husband, is dead, and the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be slaves."

And Elisha said to her, "Tell me, what do you have in the house?"

And she said, "I have nothing in the house but a pot of oil."

He said, "Borrow as many empty vessels as you can from all your neighbors. After you have closed the door of your house, pour the oil into the vessels."

So she took the vessels and poured oil from her pot into them. And when the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel."

And her son said to her, "There are no more vessels." And the oil stopped flowing.

Then Elisha said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and then you and your children can live off the rest of the income."

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