

FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

⁹ The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps. **Proverbs 16:9**

⁴ Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all day long. **Psalm 25:4, 5**

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TEXT: 2 KINGS 4:1-7

TITLE: FAITH IN ACTION

FAITH TO DO MORE THAN THE MINIMUM

INTRODUCTION

- A. One of the unfortunate practices for us as humans is we, sometimes, do less than expected ______
- B. One of the unfortunate practices for us as Christians is we, sometimes, do less than expected by God
- C. God makes it very clear what His expectations are. We, sometimes, respond with less. The primary problem with us doing less than God expects is the reality that we will receive less than we desire.
- D. We desire from God maximum blessings
- E. We give to God minimum effort

WHERE I GO IS WHAT I GET

- A. She went to the man of God (Presence of God)
- B. Where do I go when I have challenges?
- C. "Where I go is what I get..."

WHAT I HAVE IS ALL I NEED

- A. The Man of God asked, "What do you have...?"
- B. She replied, "I do not have anything, except... a small jar of oil"
 - 1. Problem #1: She highlighted what she did not have
 - 2. Problem #2: She diminished what she did have
- C. Focus on what you do have... No matter how insignificant; how ordinary; how simple_____
- D. State what you have without describing it _____
- E. "What I have is all I need..."

WHAT I PUT IN DETERMINES WHAT I GET OUT

- A. Man of God, "Go and asked your neighbors for many empty jars" _____
- B. The oil kept pouring until the last jar was filled ______
- C. "What I put in determines what I get out..."