

Being a Faithful Mother

Heroes of Faith – Part 1 (2 Kings 4:1-7)

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Deuteronomy 5:16 (NIV) Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you ...

Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

1. Be faithful in _____

1A. Realize faith is _____ in crisis

2 Kings 4:1 (NIV) 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."

1B. _____ God's help in difficulty

2 Kings 4:2 (NIV) 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."

2. Be faithful in _____

2A. Don't _____ God's instruction

2 Kings 4:3-4 (NIV) Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. 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."

2B. _____ for God's answer

2 Kings 4:5a (NIV) She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons.

3. Be faithful in _____

3A. Act to _____ God's answer

2 Kings 4:5b-6 (NIV) They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. 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.

3B. God will _____ your needs

2 Kings 4:7 (NIV) 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."

Being a Faithful Mother Study Guide

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(Answer questions based on the message outline and verses listed)

Intro. Why do you think God gives a wonderful promise to those who honor their mother and father (Deuteronomy 5:16)?

What aspects of your mother's life can you thank God for?

1A. In what ways was God testing the mother's faith (2 Kings 4:1)?

Why does God test our faith (James 1:2-4)?

1B. What are the two ways that we can respond to God in crisis (Hebrews 12:7-11)? How did the widow respond (2 Kings 4:2)?

1C. Have you had an experience in life through which you can identify with the widow?

2A. What would have been your thoughts if you had heard Elisha's instructions (2 Kings 4:3-4)?

2B. In what ways did the widow's response to God's instructions demonstrate faith (2 Kings 4:5)?

2C. Why is faith so important with God (Hebrews 11:6)?

3A. In what ways did the widow's faith impact the scope of the miracle (2 Kings 4:6 and Matthew 9:29)?

3B. Summarize how God had met the widow's great need (2 Kings 4:7)?

3C. What area in your life do you need God's miraculous provision for?

3D. How can you follow the widow's example of faith to receive your miracle from God (Hebrews 6:12)?