



I'M OUT OF OPTIONS!
[2 Kings 4:1-7]

A. The Widow's Problems [1]

- 1] No Income
- 2] Debt
- 3] Creditor coming for the kids
- 4] Sparse Resources

B. Elisha's Two Questions? [2a]

- 1] What shall I do for you?
- 2] Tell me; what do you have in the house?

C. Developing a Plan - Resources [2b-6]

[What she had]

- 1] Jar of Oil [2b]
- 2] Elisha's Instruction [3-4]
- 3] Neighbors With Jars [3]
- 4] Obedient Heart [5-6]



D. Two Miracles [7]

[How these moments changed her life]

- 1] Provision [take care of her family]
- 2] Security [debt-free]

E. Application

[When we are out of options God . . .]

- 1] Holds and Helps Us [Isaiah 41:13]
- 2] Carries and Saves Us [Isaiah 46:4]
- 3] Protects Us [Proverbs 3:26]
- 4] Upholds Us [Psalm 63:8]

2 Kings 4:1-7 Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves." ² And Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?" And she said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." ³ Then he said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few." ⁴ Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside." ⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another." Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest."

Isaiah 41:13 For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

Isaiah 46:4 . . . even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

Proverbs 3:26 . . . for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.

Psalms 63:8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What's the last thing you borrowed from a neighbor?
 - 2. Read 2 Kings 4:1-7. "Why would widows have had special trouble in the ancient world?"
 - 3. When have you felt completely tapped out and in need of a miracle?"
 - 4. Where do you currently need God to provide something important in your life? How can you help provide basic needs for those who lack them in your community?
 - 5. Pray thanking God for supplying all your needs, even in "impossible" situations when feel like you have run out of options. [Abide Bible]
- Questions 1-4 taken from the CSB Life Connections Study Bible*

