

Message Notes

The Provider

1 Kings 17:8-16

→ a little context - **vs. 8-10**

→ Elijah's request - **vs. 10-12**

#1 _____ **Elijah asks for is** _____ **this woman** _____.

→ Elijah's confidence and trust - **vs. 13-15**

#2 **Elijah trusts that the Provider will** _____.

He boldly asks this _____ **to do the** _____.

→ do not fear!

MUST-HAVES

#3 **Fix your eyes on the** _____, **not his** _____.

#4 **If God can provide for a** _____, **a** _____, **and the** _____ **of all mankind, he can certainly**
provide everything _____ **need as well.**

Group Questions

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1. What's the best gift you've ever received?
2. Giving is viewed differently in different cultures. What do you know about how giving was viewed in Ancient Near Eastern culture?

How would you say Americans view giving today?

How does the Bible talk about it?

3. **Read 1 Kings 17:8-16.** How did God use this situation to teach about trust?

Is it so tempting to trust in material things instead of God? How can this affect your giving?

4. What does the message of the Gospel teach us about giving? (See 2 Corinthians 8:9)
5. What does it mean when Jesus says, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied"
6. Name one of your "must-haves"-- one of the things you feel like you couldn't live without—and share how you might leverage that thing to give to/ share with others.
7. How can our church community reflect God's generosity more intentionally?
8. What's one practical step you feel led to take after hearing the sermon, either in your personal life or in service to others?

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#1 All Elijah asks for is all this woman has.

- Elijah's confidence and trust - **vs. 13-15**

#2 Elijah trusts that the Provider will provide. He boldly asks this widow to do the same.

- do not fear!

MUST-HAVES

#3 Fix your eyes on the Giver, not his gifts.

#4 If God can provide for a prophet, a widow, and the salvation of all mankind, he can certainly provide everything you need as well.

Bible Reading for Today

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹"Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." ¹⁰So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

¹²"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

¹³Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"

¹⁵She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For 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.