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You either need encouragement right now or you will in the future. That is the reality of life in the fallen world. As I write this, I need encouragement. I hope to get it by giving it. That is also the reality of life in the fallen world; that the only way for the followers of Christ to have enough; enough faith; enough love; enough joy and enough courage; is to give it to someone else.



At one particularly discouraging point in my walk in the marketplace I was faced with what seemed like insurmountable problems. A recession had rendered my business cash poor and profit lacking and as is usually the case; that was the time the lenders decided it was too risky to continue to work with our segment of the industry so they called the loan. At 3:00 am, after trying to sleep I got up, went into the study and hoped to pray. The silence from God was deafening.

I opened my bible and I honestly thought I saw dust fly out from the pages, not from lack of use but from dryness. The words were flat and two dimensional and meant nothing to me. Just words on a page; no answers; no solace and no comfort!

As I stared into the despair, a thought took hold in my mind. I thought of the prophet Elijah and the old woman who came to him in the midst of a famine and demanded. "Man of God, do something." If he were standing in front of me I would ask the same thing, "Do something. Help me." I followed in my mind the story and visualized the old woman gathering up all the vessels in her house and even gathering from her neighbors at the command of the prophet.

"Do you have any oil?" he had asked her. "Then gather all the vessels you can and pour what you have into those vessels." She did as she was told and from the tiny bit of remaining oil, she filled up every vessel she had, a virtual storehouse of blessing.

As I played the scene out in my mind, an amazing thing happened. From the tips of my toes to the middle of my heart, courage began to flow. Supernatural courage! And the still small voice said, "As long as you empty what you have into others, you will never lack." I hope this encourages you. I hope you encourage someone else today. Wow! I am filling back up.

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