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May 24, 2020

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

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May 24, 2020

PRAISE & WORSHIP

- LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME
- JESUS I LOVE YOU
- THE HEART OF WORSHIP
- OUR GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 4:1-7

MESSAGE

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT FINANCES

Randy Thomas

PLEASE NOTE:

Please send prayer requests through mail, email, Facebook, or text.



WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT FINANCES

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves." ² So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil." ³ Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors--empty vessels; do not gather just a few. ⁴ And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." ⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured *it* out. ⁶ Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "*There is* not another vessel." So the oil ceased. ⁷ Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you *and* your sons live on the rest."

Dave Ramsey sums up the money problem: "WE BUY THINGS WE DON'T NEED WITH MONEY WE DON'T HAVE TO IMPRESS PEOPLE WE DON'T LIKE."

*Jesus talks about finances more than He does Heaven.

*There are more than 1,600 verses about money and finances in the Bible.

*Four Biblical principles in the text.

I. PRINCIPLE OF NEED

2 Kings 4:1-2 (NLT2)

¹ One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the LORD. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves." ² "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, what do you have in the house?" "Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied.

Matthew 18:6 (MSG)

⁶ "But if you give them a hard time, bullying or taking advantage of their simple trust, you'll soon wish you hadn't. You'd be better off dropped in the middle of the lake with a millstone around your neck..

Psalms 24:1 (NLT2)

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

II. PRINCIPLE OF HUMILITY

2 Kings 4:3 (NLT2)

And Elisha said, "Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors."

*Our lives need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

III. PRINCIPLE OF FAITH

2 Kings 4:4 (NLT2)

⁴ Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled."

*Built up the widow's faith

*George Mueller's faith

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT2)

⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

*ABBA song Money, Money, Money stated that it's a rich man's world.

IV. PRINCIPLE OF REPAYMENT

2 Kings 4:7 (NLT2)

⁷ When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, "Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over.""

*Honesty and paying our debts

*Recognize it all belongs to Him.

Notes:

***Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

___ I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

___ I will commit my life to one of simple trust in the Lord's still small voice.

___ I will ask God to help me use my finances in ways that will glorify Him.

___ I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT2)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Happy Birthday Eli Schoendeldt & Joyce Card on May 27th, Bob Sadler on June 3rd, Myrtle Campbell on June 4th, and Johnnie Rivera on June 6th!
- With God's grace we have the sermon posted online <https://www.fsfumc.com>
- If you're on Facebook, find our page, [facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc](https://www.facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc), and "Like" and follow us for updates, we're also on Twitter.
- Our website [FSFUMC.com](https://www.fsfumc.com) will also be a source for information
- Office hours remain the same during this cautious time, feel free to come in for prayer in the sanctuary or prayer room Mondays through Thursdays: 9 am-12 noon and 1-3 pm, as long as you are not feeling ill.
- El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine: Any items you donate are greatly appreciated.
- Our Food Bank is running low on the basics, as are most grocery stores, if you have any extra canned or dried goods you'd like to donate, please let us know. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help during regular business hours.

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service (Views as of Thursday).....43

Please leave a comment to let us know you watched with us and what you thought of the service!

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

Prayers for continued healing for: The Neylands. Johnnie & Olga Rivera. Kay Magee. Blaine Ward. Denna Sadler. Rosie Hopkins & Susie Vestal, her mom. Sara Borden. Melba Ward. Sylvia Thomas. Eva Gail Abington. Terri Klutts Young, Jim & Beth Ivy's friend, who fought cancer ten years ago, and it has returned. Kate Finley, Jessica McGuire Harral's niece. Graham & Tara Bowman. Kelli Neeb Kemp. Wesley Robbins, David's nephew.

