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Uncork the Spirit

Are you tired of living a mediocre life without power and purpose? Do you long for the Holy Spirit to move in your life and church as He did in Bible times? Or have you resigned yourself to thinking this is as good as it gets?

In 2 Kings 4:1-7, you'll find a story that has the potential to change your mindset and transform your world. It's about a poor widow who was in desperate need of help. Despite her best efforts, she couldn't seem to improve her situation. But with the guidance of the prophet Elisha, she took action and witnessed a transformation that saved her and her sons.

So, what did this widow do? In obedience, she began using what she had in her house - a small jar of oil. She poured from her flask and filled many large containers she had borrowed from people in the neighbourhood. The oil that flowed from her pot was just what others needed, and they quickly bought it.

"Whenever and wherever there is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Yahshua is always proclaimed and honoured."

Brothers and sisters, the oil in the story symbolises the fullness of the Spirit we have received. What an incredible privilege and blessing! But many of us have kept the Holy Spirit in a jar, with the lid firmly on, hidden away on some shelf within. If you long for change, I encourage you to uncork the indwelling Spirit. He's present in His fullness and is waiting for you to remove the cork and let Him work through you.

As the widow poured out from the fullness of her jar, we should also pour out the Spirit from within us into the lives of others. The "vessels" in the story represent the people around us, including those in our communities and workplaces - even those we don't know. When we pour out from the fullness of the Spirit, situations change, others benefit, and as disciples, we thrive. Take a look inside the house of your life and focus on the flask of oil, which is the Holy Spirit. Is it sitting on the shelf of unused gifts? If so, take it off and remove the cork. You'll be amazed by the difference it will make.