

Breaking the Spirit of Poverty

I'm Full: Part 1

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Spirit of Poverty. The _____ of not _____
that causes us to hold on tightly to what we already have.

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Gilead settlers, said to Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, I stand before Him, and there will be no dew or rain during these years except by my command!"

Then a revelation from the Lord came to him: "Leave here, turn eastward, and hide yourself at the Wadi Cherith where it enters the Jordan. You are to drink from the wadi. I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there."

So he did what the Lord commanded. Elijah left and lived by the Wadi Cherith where it enters the Jordan. The ravens kept bringing him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the wadi.

1 Kings 17:1-6

God Wants to Provide All I Need:

1. No Matter How _____ My Circumstances Look

"Don't keep striving for what you should eat and what you should drink, and don't be anxious. For the Gentile world eagerly seeks all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be provided for you."

Luke 12:29-31

**Even when you're where God wanted you to be,
sometimes the brook _____.**

After a while, the wadi dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Get up, go to Zarephath that belongs to Sidon and stay there."

1 Kings 17:7-9

2. If I _____ Him

So Elijah got up and went to Zarephath. When he arrived at the city gate, there was a widow woman gathering wood. Elijah called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup and let me drink."

As she went to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand."

But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I don't have anything baked – only a handful of flour in the jar and a bit of oil in the jug. Just now, I am gathering a couple of sticks in order to go prepare it for myself and my son so we can eat it and die."

1 Kings 17:10-12

We aren't going to _____ ahead of _____.

Then Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid; go and do as you have said. But first make me a small loaf from it and bring it out to me. Afterward, you may make some for yourself and your son, for this is what the Lord God of Israel says: 'The flour jar will not become empty and the oil jug will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the surface of the land.'"

1 Kings 17:13-14

3. Regardless of My _____ or _____

Taste and see that the Lord is good. How happy is the man who takes refuge in Him! You who are His holy ones, fear Yahweh, for those who fear Him lack nothing. Young lions lack food and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord will not lack any good thing.

Psalms 34:8-10

So she proceeded to do according to the word of Elijah. Then the woman, Elijah and her household ate for many days. The flour jar did not become empty, and the oil jug did not run dry, according to the word of the Lord He had spoken through Elijah.

1 Kings 17:15-16

4. So I Can _____ Others

And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work... You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

2 Corinthians 9:8, 11

One person gives freely yet gains more; another person withholds what is right, only to become poor.

Proverbs 11:24

Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest; then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted