



THE SUPER BOWL



“Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet, I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.” Psalm 37:25 NLT

Text: 2 Kings 4:1-7 Visual Illustration: a jar or bowl

Summary: This story about Elisha and the widow teaches us how God can provide for our needs abundantly and limitless.

Today let’s talk about the Super Bowl. Do you know what I mean? I’m not talking about the football game to be played in February. By the way, last February 2021 Super Bowl was won by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with final score of 31- 9 against the Kansas City Chiefs. I’m talking about a story in the Bible about a bowl of oil. Oil was used as fuel to burn in lamps. It was very valuable in those days. This story tells us about a woman whose husband had served God under the great prophet Elisha. When he died, the poor widow owed someone money, but she did not have the money to pay her debt. Her two sons were going to be taken as slaves to work until the debt was paid. She was desperate. She went to the prophet Elisha and begged for him to help her.

And Elisha said unto her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” She answered, “Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.” (2 Kings 4:2)

Elisha told her what to do. This is what happened. She went out her home and borrowed jars from all her neighbors, as many as she could find. Then she and her sons went inside and closed the doors to the house. She took her bowl of oil, and she began pouring. She poured from that little bowl until the first jar was full. He brought jar after jar, until they filled every jar they had borrowed. She told her son to bring her another jar, but there were not any more left. Then the

oil stopped flowing. She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest." (v. 7).

She was so excited with all the oil that God had provided that she ran to tell the good news to Elisha. She trusted God to help her. God took the little bit that she had with her faith and made more. Now she had enough to sell so she could pay all the money she owed and still have plenty to live on with her sons. She obeyed God and showed her faith when she did what the prophet Elisha told her to do. God blessed her with a mighty miracle for her faith.

This little bowl of oil was truly a "super bowl." God provided all she needed. The oil is like the Holy Spirit. When a person believes in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to fill us. The Holy Spirit provides all we need in life. It is like a bowl of oil that overflows, giving us all we need to let our light shine for God. Also, this story is a discipleship good example we may follow. The widow and her sons are like the church members. They went out looking for jars to be filled with oil. Likewise, we need to go out there and find more jars, or souls, that we may bring them here to receive salvation by faith in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Oil. We must keep praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our life so we may be able to share with others God's grace.