

Being the Vessel

Session 3: Youth Retreat 2022

Key verse

Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:21 NKJV

Passage

2 Kings 4:1-7

Observations

- This is an old testament passage
- In those days, if you weren't able to pay your debtors, the creditors can enslave you & the next generation
- This woman has lost her husband
- The creditors are pounding on the door of this woman
- I see this spiritual picture, the enemy has knocked on our door, our churches to take the next generation.
- The prophet asked what do you have in your house

An important question to ask ourselves. What we have in our house, will determine our miracle.

She says all I've got is a jar of oil.

The only thing standing in between them is OIL

The only thing that can make us advance, is not programs, performance, but the anointing of the Lord for us to be set FREE. Oil represents the Holy Spirit, the anointing of the Lord. The prophet Elisha said go borrow some vessels

This oil needed to be put in a vessel.

Catch this, the woman determined the magnitude of the miracle. As long as she had vessels, the oil kept multiplying. The point of the passage this evening is NOT the oil. The oil is always there. It's where the oil is kept. God always had the oil, but it was up to the woman, to have vessels to put the oil in.

The issue was never about the oil, the issue is can I find a vessel to put the oil into.

That's how important the vessel is!

Illustration

- Have you ever gone to the grocery store, you pick up stuff. And you don't have a bag to put it in. Seems very trivial but without any bags, we're gonna be sloppy carrying those stuff
- Would you like some hot coffee? I could just throw it on you. Or would you need a CUP of hot coffee
- Pizza box: when you order pizza, you are expecting it to come in a box.

Catch this, this box is only worth some 10 bucks, but what's in it, gives it value. What I'm trying to say is, you don't need to be fancy, gifted, all you have to be in open & available for God to use you.

The product gives value to the box, not the vessel.

Because Christ is in us, we have value. So don't get too proud when God starts using you, praise the one that is inside of you!

The Bible says that our bodies are the temple of the Living God! (1 Corinthians 6:19)
Your body matters, your vessel matters to God!

Another interesting thing to note: the prophet said to shut the door. We need to separate ourselves!

The enemy (Satan) hates your body! Because the oil is perfect, he can't touch the oil. He is defeated because of the oil.

The only thing he can do is touch or influence the vessel.

Cup with holes (illustration)

Some of us, our vessels our broken.

- Relationships (family, friends, romantic)
- Addiction
- Our thoughts, lust of the eyes, pride of life
- Past experiences, we're carrying scars
- Our character
- Sin

He needs a vessel, a vessel that is clean and of honor. That can only be cleaned by the blood of the perfect vessel, Jesus!

We're gonna pray, for us to be the vessel.

The Oil, The Holy Spirit

Have you met anyone who hypes something?

Jesus is hyping the Holy Spirit

- The Lord Jesus is introducing the Person of the Holy Spirit in John 14:16 ("I will pray to the father, that He may send another helper"), and it's like He can't wait to send the Holy Spirit
- The Lord's going away and Him sending the Holy Spirit was for our "advantage" John 16:7 — "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."
- In John 14:26 He said that the Holy Spirit has been sent "in My name". To be sent "in My name" means to be sent "in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf". (Amplified Bible).

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Empowered)

- The word "**baptize**" means to dip, immerse, submerge and to overwhelm. It has the idea of being fully covered, surrounded, and drowned.
- The purpose of the baptism with the Holy Spirit was to endue (clothe) believers with the power of God, so that they could be witnesses for Jesus, to the ends of the earth.

It is Jesus who Baptizes us in the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11-12

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Although the Lord Jesus had commissioned His disciples to go just as the Father had sent Him, and even though they were born again, the Lord Jesus instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the baptism with the Holy Spirit to receive power from on high.

Acts 1:4-5,8

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me;

5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**”