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Move from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Move from **Struggling to Surplus**

2 Kings 4:1–7 (HCSB)

*One of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant, my husband, has died. You know that your servant feared the LORD. Now the creditor is coming to take my two children as his slaves.”<sup>2</sup> Elisha asked her, “What can I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” She said, “Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.”<sup>3</sup> Then he said, “Go and borrow empty containers from everyone - from all your neighbors. Do not get just a few.”<sup>4</sup> Then go in and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour oil into all these containers. Set the full ones to one side.”<sup>5</sup> So she left. After she had shut the door behind her and her sons, they kept bringing her containers, and she kept pouring.<sup>6</sup> When they were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another container.” But he replied, “There aren’t any more.” Then the oil stopped.<sup>7</sup> She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go sell the oil and pay your debt; you and your sons can live on the rest.”*

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD WHEN YOU STRUGGLE vv 1-2**

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- Sometimes our circumstances are beyond our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Desperate times should drive us to cry out to God.
- When you find yourself in a hole, stop \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD FOR ANSWERS vv 3-4**

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- We need to look \_\_\_\_\_ the struggle.
- God’s provision can be provided by people around us.
- We must look to God who \_\_\_\_\_ to meet our needs.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT GOD HAS SAID v 5**

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- Obedience \_\_\_\_\_ the door for His provision.
- God rewards obedience with abundance.
- God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ you more than you can imagine.

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD’S PROVISION vv 6-7**

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- God’s provision comes in \_\_\_\_\_ to our faith.
- God uses the measure we choose to bring our surplus.

Mark 4:24–25 (HCSB)

*Then He said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear. By the measure you use, it will be measured and added to you.”<sup>25</sup> For to the one who has, it will be given, and from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.”*

Luke 6:38 (HCSB)

*Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”*

- God wants to turn your struggle into \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Next Step:**

Move from struggling to surplus by placing your faith in God.