2 Kings 4:1-7

Elisha Helped a Certain Widow

1 The wife of one of the group of the prophets cried out to Elisha. She said, “Your servant, my husband, is dead! You know that he revered Yahweh. But now, the creditor is coming to take away my two boys. He will make them his slaves!”

2 Elisha answered her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house of value?”

The woman said, “I don’t have anything there except a jar of oil.”

3 Then Elisha said, “Go outside and borrow some empty jars from all of your neighbors. Don’t ask for just a few. 4 Then you must go into your house and shut the door behind you and your sons. Then, pour a little bit of the oil into all the jars. Set the full ones to one side.”

5 She left Elisha and shut the door; only she and her sons were in the house. As they brought the jars near to her, she poured out a tiny bit of the oil. 6 When the jars were all full, she said to one of her sons, “Bring me another jar.”

But he said, “There are no more jars!” Then the oil stopped flowing.

7 She went and told Elisha, the man of the one true God. Elisha said, “Go, sell that oil and pay whatever you owe the creditor. You and your sons can live on what is left.”