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 - As good as this advice is, this message is not just about giving your sound financial guidance but to show you a strategy for a divine miracle.
- We are going to see a woman with a debt problem and God gives her a solution.

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She brought the problem to God and His Word.

“What do you want me to do for you?”

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Know God is willing to meet your specific requests.

God wants to use what is in our hands.

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She judged what she had as nothing and insignificant.

[Psa 78:41 NASB]

[2Co 4:7 NASB]

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God wants us to play our part.

V. 3-6

Faith at His Word

Obedience to His Word.

[Isa 1:19 NASB]

Are you ready to walk in faith-filled obedience?

God wants to meet the present and future needs.

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She ran out of vessels before she ran out of oil!

It was enough to meet the current debt and to live on for the rest of her life.

[2Co 9:7-8 NASB]

Shout: Today and tomorrow!

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