

A Season of Refreshing - The Law of Impossible Giving
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- "Whom are you supplying?"

Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV)

15 [We are to] grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

- God designed us to be refreshed by giving out.

1 Kings 17:8-16 (ESV)

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering some sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12 And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent; neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

- The widow was challenged to give out of her lack.
- This is a spiritual law: When we give out of our emptiness, God will fill us
- This is a law: It is more blessed to give than to receive [Acts 20:35]
- This is a law: Give and it shall be given unto you [Luke 6:38]
- This is a law: If you give when you have little you'll receive more than you need

2 Kings 4:1-7 (ESV)

1 Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves." 2 And Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?" And she said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." 3 Then he said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few. 4 Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside." 5 So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her. 6 When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another." Then the oil stopped flowing. 7 She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest."

- God says to us, "What shall I do for you?" Then asks, "What do you have?"
- The oil did not start to increase until she had risked embarrassment.
- In God's economy, the law of the Kingdom says that what little we have has to be given away.
- When you give what little you have, you'll receive more than you need