One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the Lord. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves." 2 Kings 4:1

WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT YOU REALLY WANT GOD IS WHAT YOU REALLY NEED.

Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil." 2 Kings 4:2

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -- Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943.

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." -
Western Union internal memo, 1876

The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C', the idea must be feasible." -- A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.)

"Who wants to hear actors talk?" -- H. M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927.

"So we went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us? Or we'll give it to you. We just want to do it. Pay our salary, we'll come work for you.' And they said, 'No.' So then we went to Hewlett-Packard, and they said, 'Hey, we don't need you. You haven't got through college yet.'" -- Steve Jobs on attempts to start Apple Computer.

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So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:31-33

OFFER GOD WHAT YOU HAVE AND TRUST GOD FOR WHAT YOU NEED.

"Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few." 2 Kings 4:3

GOD WANTS YOU TO DECIDE BEFORE HE PROVIDES.

GOD DOESN'T WANT TO JUST BLESS YOU BY GIVING YOU WHAT YOU NEED. GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU BY GIVING YOU MORE OF HIMSELF.

YOU ARE NEVER GOING TO RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD BY BREAKING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

STOP WAITING FOR WHAT YOU WANT AND START WORKING WITH WHAT YOU HAVE.

We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7