

A Mother's Faith

II Kings 4:1-7

I. The Priorities of a Mother of Faith (v. 1)

A. The father and mother working together

1. A husband in the ministry

the sons of the prophets

A man who served and feared the Lord.

*thou knowest that thy servant did fear the
LORD*

2. A wife who served with him.

*a certain woman of the wives of the sons of
the prophets*

B. The mother working alone

**As a single mother, the burden of
providing for her family is now hers alone.**

II. The Problems of a Mother of Faith

A. A single mother (v. 1b)

Thy servant my husband is dead

B. A mother in great debt (v. 1c)

*and the creditor is come to take unto him my
two sons to be bondmen.*

C. A mother in deep poverty (v. 2)

*Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the
house, save a pot of oil*

III. The Practice of a Mother of Faith

A. She cried out to the Man of God. (v. 1)

*Now there cried a certain woman of the
wives of the sons of the prophets unto
Elisha*

1. Gather as many empty vessels as possible. (v. 3)

Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

2. Fill them in the privacy of your home. (v. 4)

thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels

B. She obeyed immediately with faith.

(vs. 5-6)

1. She did exactly what the prophet told her to do.

So she went from him, and shut the door upon her

2. She involved her sons.

... and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

3. God provided exactly what she needed. *And the oil stayed.*

C. She enjoyed the provision of God. (v. 7)

Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

1. God provided enough to pay her debts.

Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt

2. God proved enough to meet her needs and the needs of her family.

... and live thou and thy children of the rest.
