



# The Family Prayer Center

## Crisis In Our Nation

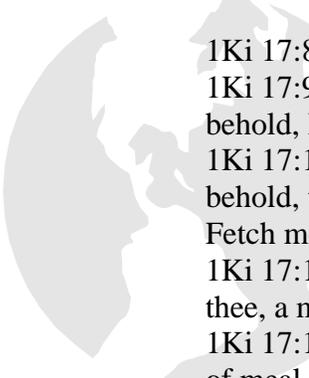
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Dear Friend,

There is an incredible story in the Old Testament that is relevant in so many ways to the crisis that we are facing in our nation today.

The story is of the prophet Elijah and a widow during the time of extreme hardship in the nation of Israel. Drought had brought in famine and famine had brought starvation.

The prophet was being sustained by God supernaturally for a while until God changed the method of His provision for Elijah to include provisions for a widow and her son.



1Ki 17:8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,  
 1Ki 17:9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.  
 1Ki 17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.  
 1Ki 17:11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.  
 1Ki 17:12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.  
 1Ki 17:13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.  
 1Ki 17:14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.  
 1Ki 17:15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.  
 1Ki 17:16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

One of the most interesting observations here is that God told Elijah that He (God) had “commanded” or spoken to the widow to provide for Elijah. So we must understand that before Elijah got there, God had already communicated to the heart of this widow.

The request by Elijah to the widow to make him a cake first was not out of selfishness, but rather to dispel the despair of starvation that was in her heart. God was soliciting faith rather than fear from this woman’s heart. This was the exact opposite of the solicitations of the Pharisees that Jesus condemned, and included devouring widows houses or stealing their property.



*Jesus is Lord...!*

Elijah's directives were trying to save the widow's house. Religion and fear will always destroy everything that they touch.

Obviously, we are not in a crisis of famine or starvation in this nation, but we are in a time of extreme uncertainty in the natural. No one knows how long the restrictions and shut downs will last on our economy, but we do know this; we have at least, and beyond the promise given to the widow - "OUR BARREL WILL NOT WASTE, NOR OUR CRUSE FAIL."

The supernatural provision for the widow was that her supply in the barrel and cruse never ran dry during the entire famine crisis because she chose to act out of faith rather than fear.

This is a time to follow that same example and not act out of fear in anything, but continue to walk in faith knowing that all our needs are met according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Mat 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

I would encourage you during this time that you walk and talk with a mantra, saying, "My barrel and cruse never run dry no matter how long this crisis lasts, because Jesus is the source of my supply and I will prosper no matter what is happening on earth!"  
Hallelujah!

Blessings,  
Pastor Bronc