

BUILD MORE CAPACITY



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One of Elisha’s students passed away leaving his widow in so much debt that the creditors wanted to take her sons as slaves as a form of payment. When the widow came to him for help he asked two critical questions before giving an instruction to solve her problem. There’s a lot to learn from the interaction between Elisha and the widow about how God blesses the works of our hands.

We can ask God for blessings and He’s always willing to bless us, but what we may not realize is that in God’s system, supply is rarely the problem—capacity is.

Many times, we’re asking God for:

- more opportunities
- more visibility
- more influence
- more income

But heaven is asking:

- Where will you put it?
- Can your structure sustain what you’re praying for?
- Do you have the discipline, systems, mindset, and spiritual depth to carry it?

God’s system recognised that growth without structure leads to loss and increase without capacity leads to pressure. So sometimes the delay in the increase we seek isn’t because God doesn’t want to bless us because He sees our gaps and the issues giving us what we want will cause if we don’t make any adjustments. Remember He doesn’t add sorrow to His blessings (Prov 10:22)

We pray that the Lord will use this series to help us understand how to build:

- knowledge
- systems
- consistency
- spiritual alignment

So that we are truly prepared for all we’re praying for.

Day 1

Financial Wisdom

“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

The widow’s late husband served diligently and feared the Lord, yet he left behind a huge amount of debt because he’d borrowed more than he could repay. Resolving financial matters often requires us to follow specific principles so that we don’t have recurring issues that we need constant deliverance from.

Sometimes borrowing is necessary because liquidity is tight, but before we jump into getting credit, there are 5 things we must consider.

“Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.” Proverbs 22:7

What’s the loan for? Loans shouldn’t be jumped into just because an opportunity to borrow presents itself. Is the loan for something that is revenue generating e.g. a business which can be a source of repayment? Or do you still need to figure out how to repay?

“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished.” Proverbs 27:12

What’s your source of repayment? If you have only one income source, is it enough to repay the loan without you having to take another loan to cover an existing one? This is what creates cycles of debt that become difficult to get out of.

What’s the repayment plan? Most creditors promote low interest charges as an incentive, but it’s important to have a clear repayment plan for both principal and interest. Don’ focus on interest repayments alone, structure payments that will also reduce the principal. There must be a clear and realistic plan to get out of debt as quickly as possible.

“and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.” 2 Thessalonians 3:2

What happens if you can’t pay? It’s not everyone or every establishment that should be approached for credit. Can the creditor be engaged to restructure the payment plan if something goes wrong?

Are you acting as a loan guarantor for a loan you can’t afford to repay? The Bible tells us:

“Don’t agree to guarantee another person’s debt or put up security for someone else. If you can’t pay it, even your bed will be snatched from under you.” Proverbs 22:26-27

Prayer: Lord grant me the wisdom I need to steward the resources You give me well. Where I require help show me where and how to go so I don’t become a slave to debt.



Day 2

Start With What You Have

“So Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil.”

When we ask God for increase He always starts with what we already have. Unfortunately our minds can hinder us from seeing the full potential of what we have so we undervalue it. The widow didn't realise that her jar of oil could be multiplied to fill multiple vessels. Likewise we can also miss the full potential of what God has already given us when we choose to partner with Him.

1 What are you trying to grow—and are you doing it alone? Hard work produces results, but supernatural increase comes from God.

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.” 1 Corinthians 3:6

2 Do you recognise your unique gifting? There's no need to copy others. God has given you something specific for your assignment. “And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability.” Matthew 25:15

3 Does your environment support your growth? Some spaces limit what God is trying to do in you as we see when Jesus instructed the man he'd just healed of blindness, “...Don't go back into the village on your way home.” (Mark 8:26)

4 What are your growth conditions? Not everyone thrives the same way so it's critical to seek God's pattern for your journey. “...Now let Your words come to pass! What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?” Judges 13:12

5 Whose template are you following? God has a blueprint designed specifically for you.

“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalms 139:16

Growth is not just about effort—it's about alignment, partnership, and obedience.

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to see the value of what I already have. Reveal Your template for my life and position me in the right environment to become all You've designed me to be.

Day 3

Your Network Expands Your Capacity

“And Elisha said, “Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors.” 2 Kings 4:3

The widow had limited resources—but she had access through people. Her miracle was tied not just to what she had, but to who she could reach. This is a powerful truth: people are a major part of how God builds our capacity. What if she had strained relationships? What if she had isolated herself? God’s supply wouldn’t have changed—but her ability to receive it would have been limited.

We often pray for increase, but overlook a key system God uses: people management. Everything we do involves people—whether as employees, employers, clients, or partners. How well we manage relationships can determine how far we grow. In God’s system, people management is not just a prayer point—it’s a skillset.

Here are 3 essentials to develop:

1 Selflessness

The world teaches transactional relationships: people connecting only for what they can get. God calls us to genuinely care for and develop others. This is why God chose and prospered David’s leadership because it flowed from the heart of a shepherd. (Psalm 78:72)

2 Discretion

Growth requires trust. Sensitive information and opportunities are given to those who can handle them with wisdom and restraint. “Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.” Proverbs 21:23

3 Managing difficult people

Not everyone will like you, some folks are just difficult and that’s okay. Wisdom is knowing how to navigate every kind of personality without compromising your character or impeding your assignment. The Holy Spirit guides us here with patience, listening ability, responding instead of reacting (James 1:19).

Growth isn’t just spiritual—it’s relational.

Prayer: Lord, touch the hearts of people on my behalf. Give me the wisdom, skill, and grace to manage every relationship well so I can grow to full capacity in all You’ve called me to do.



Day 4

Build in Secret. Let Results Speak

“...shut the door behind you and your sons...” 2 Kings 4:4

Elisha’s instruction was clear: shut the door. The process wasn’t for public consumption. True capacity isn’t built by announcement—it’s built quietly, consistently, and without fanfare.

The widow’s miracle didn’t happen in the open. It happened in a closed room, with only those who were directly connected to the outcome. Her sons weren’t spectators—they were participants. No noise, no naysayers, no distractions.

This is a powerful principle: Not everything God is doing in you needs an audience.

Even Jesus modeled this. He didn’t take everyone with Him—only a core few for key moments (transfiguration: Matthew 17:1, Gethsemane: Matthew 26:37).

“But you, when you pray, go into your room... and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” — Matthew 6:6

The building phase requires:

- Focus over visibility
- Alignment over validation
- Participation over observation

Imagine if the widow had announced her miracle before it happened. She would have had to deal with doubt, envy, distraction—even discouragement. It’s important that we recognize that overexposure can damage outcomes. Not everyone needs access to your process. Not everyone is assigned to your season.

God often does His deepest work in hidden places—refining, shaping, and building you. And when the time is right, the results will speak for themselves. Let’s trust God to help us build in private, grow in silence and deliver in power.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to walk with You in secret. Place a guard on my lips and a check in my spirit so I don’t expose what You are building. Open my eyes to the right people for this season, and give me the discipline to stay focused until the work is complete.



Day 5

Divine Partnership: Where Systems Meet Supernatural

“So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out.” II Kings 4:5

One of the notable things about the widow’s story is how it illustrates the partnership between divinity and humanity for supernatural results. The widow’s miracle didn’t happen by magic—it happened through partnership. God didn’t fill all the vessels at once, even though He could have. Instead, there was a process: She poured. Her sons brought the vessels. They created a system—and God met them in it with supernatural increase. This is how God works. He invites us into partnership, where divinity meets responsibility.

“Be fruitful and multiply... fill the earth and subdue it...” — Genesis 1:28

The dominion mandate reveals something powerful: everything God builds is designed for sustainability. Increase isn’t random—it flows through structure, systems, and stewardship. The widow’s obedience positioned her for overflow. But notice:

- There was instruction
- There was alignment
- There was execution

God supplied the increase, but they stewarded the process.

This is our model:

- ➡ Seek God’s direction
- ➡ Build the right systems
- ➡ Execute with discipline

“And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!” Psalms 90:17

The widow followed the instructions and God showed His approval by bringing supernatural increase. If we want God’s hand upon our efforts we must ask Him what He would have us do and comply 100%. It’s having the hand of God upon us that brings significant results otherwise without it effort can feel exhausting with little return. But when we partner with Him, intentionally seeking His guidance and complying 100%, our results become multiplied and sustained. This means as we take time to seek His view on what and how to build before jumping into a business venture or career, we’re positioned to build capacity through systems God can breathe on.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for showing me that increase is a partnership. Open my eyes to the systems I need to build and give me the discipline to align with Your instructions, so Your blessing can flow through my efforts.



Day 6

From Survival to Abundance

“...Go, borrow vessels from everywhere...” 2 Kings 4:3

The widow’s focus was survival. She wanted to pay her creditors and protect her sons. And that’s how many of us live too—in survival mode, constantly thinking about how to get by. But God’s desire for us is not just survival. He wants us to thrive and function from a place of abundance with sustainability.

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” — John 10:10

God’s abundance is not for selfish living. It’s so we have enough for ourselves and are also able to be a blessing to others.

“And God will generously provide all you need... and plenty left over to share with others.” — 2 Corinthians 9:8



There is no scarcity in God’s economy. But abundance does not happen by accident—it must be intentionally structured.

This is why mindset matters. A survival mindset only thinks about immediate needs. An abundance mindset sees possibility, plans for increase, and builds capacity to sustain it. It doesn’t mean we won’t have seasons of limitation or that we shouldn’t be prudent. It means we refuse to let lack define how we think.

“...Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest.” 2 Kings 4:7

When Elisha gave the widow a God-inspired strategy, it didn’t just solve her debt problem—it created ongoing provision. The miracle was bigger than relief; it created a future. Imagine if she had gathered only a few vessels. She may have had enough for her urgent need, but not enough to sustain her next season.

This raises two important questions:

-  What is your oil—your gifts, skills, ideas, relationships, experience?
-  And what vessels are you pouring it into?

God has already placed something in your hand. The question is whether you are building the structure for abundance or settling for just enough.

Prayer: Lord, open my mind to see abundance in and around me. Show me the opportunities, strategies, and structures that will move me from survival to overflow, so I can become a channel of blessing to others.

Day 7

Purpose & Flow

“...Tell me, what do you have in the house?” “Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil,” she replied.”... Soon every container was full to the brim!...” 2 Kings 4:2, 6

The widow had a flask of oil which was somehow going to fill multiple jars. She may have wondered how a small flask could accomplish this assignment but once she got to work the supernatural flow began. The oil in the flask filled every jar regardless of its size, which tells us that the size of the container isn't an issue, God is focused on the purpose for the flow. This reveals a powerful truth: the limitation is not in what you have—it's in how you see it. God wasn't concerned about the size of the flask or the jars. He was focused on the purpose for the flow.

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“Lord Yahweh, you stretched out your mighty arm and created the heavens and the earth by your awesome power. Nothing is impossible with you!” Jeremiah 32:17 TPT

Once we bring God into the picture the game changes. He gives us the spiritual insight into what needs to be done, His expectations of us and the strategy for successful execution. Our “small flask” can build healthy family structures, lead organisations, change cultures and transform lives. Because it's really not about us, it's about the God in whose hands we are who pours the oil He's put in us into multiple vessels as we allow Him to.

Prayer: Lord, help me take my eyes off my limitations and fix them on You. Teach me to yield fully so You can multiply the impact of what You've already placed inside me.

Lord thank You for showing me that what You can do with me isn't about my natural abilities but how yielded I am to you. Help me to take my eyes off myself and focus on You so You can multiply the impact of the resources You have already put in me.



Day 8

Containers vs Channels

“Soon every container was full to the brim! “Bring me another jar,” she said to one of her sons. “There aren’t any more!” he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing.” 2 Kings 4:6

The oil stopped flowing as soon as there were no more jars to fill. This is a principle in life we must keep in mind: once there’s no avenue for expression the oil will stop flowing. Rather than being a channel for oil to flow we become containers.

“The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25

In the world’s economy resources are seen to be finite so there’s a tendency to withhold in order not to run out. Remember we’ve established that there’s no scarcity in God’s economy? By God’s design we’re to be channels through which resources will flow. And rather than run out, the more resources we channel towards His agenda for us, the more we receive.

“In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well...” Romans 12:6

“But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.” 1 Corinthians 15:10

Everyone has ability given by God to do certain things well, but we’re responsible for fine tuning, refining and exercising what He’s given us. Even the areas we’re not particularly gifted in can be improved upon. This is what capacity building is: taking what we have and working it out through discipline, strategy, focus and above all alignment with God’s agenda. The more we receive and put into use, the more capacity we build and more we can take on. It becomes an ongoing cycle of continuous enlargement.

Prayer: Lord help me recognise my areas of strength and how to maximise them. Help me identify my weaknesses and how to improve them. Help me not to hold back any of the resources You’ve given me so I can be a channel through which all You’ve gifted me with can flow

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