



SOUTHBRIDGE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**“Preparing to Dream Again!”**

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**I Kings 17:7, 10-16 (NLT)**

But after a while the brook dried up, for there was no rainfall anywhere in the land. 10 So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a cup of water?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too." 12 But she said, "I swear by the LORD your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." 13 But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and cook that 'last meal,' but bake me a little loaf of bread first. Afterward there will still be enough food for you and your son. 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There will always be plenty of flour and oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!" 15 So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her son continued to eat from her supply of flour and oil for many days. 16 For no matter how much they used, there was always enough left in the containers, just as the LORD had promised through Elijah.

**Identify the Source**

1. Discouraged by \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Conviction vs. Condemnation

2. Discouraged by \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Discouraged by \_\_\_\_\_.

**These Things I Know...**

1. I know that God sees me \_\_\_\_\_.

**I Kings 17: 8-9** Then the LORD said to Elijah, 9 "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. There is a widow there who will feed you. I have given her my instructions."

2. I know that God is \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

\* **Psalms 37:23 Isaiah 55:8-9**

3. I know that God \_\_\_\_\_.

**v. 12b** And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug.

**v. 14a** There will always be plenty of flour and oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!"

4. I know that God \_\_\_\_\_.

**v. 16** For no matter how much they used, there was always enough left in the containers, just as the LORD had promised through Elijah.

**II Corinthians 4: 8-9, 18 (NLT)**

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. 9 We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. 18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.

**Personal Action Steps**

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