



TRUE

Contentment

By Pastor Rollan Fisher

“Contentment in the Hustle” STUDY GUIDE - APRIL 26th, 2020

WARM UP QUESTION (5-10 min): Do you consider yourself a “hustler”? Why or why not?

READ: 2 Kings 4:1-7, Hebrews 11:1-2 and 6

FOCUS: True contentment comes when you mix faith with hustle

OBSERVE (10 minutes)

1) **When Faith and Hustle Meet** (2 Kings 4:1-7)

- The context of the scripture is the tragedy of the death of this woman’s husband, making her a vulnerable widow. Her husband’s creditor was coming to take her two children into slavery to pay the debt. Turmoil!
- The widow shared her problem and her pain with Elisha the prophet who was representing God.
- Elisha did not nullify her debt, but made her consider what she had to work with to pay the debt. She was to use what she already had.

- Her resource alone wasn’t enough. Elisha told her to share her need and borrow empty jars.
- In private she, along with her children, were commanded to act in faith pouring the oil of one jar into the others until all the jars were *miraculously* filled.
- She was commanded to sell the oil to pay the legitimate debt. She started a family business and ended with an abundance for her family’s needs.

2) **Contentment in the Hustle**

- Contentment comes as we *hustle* by *faith*, doing all that can be done while waiting for God to multiply

our hustle (work) (James 2:26)

- Faith makes things possible, not easy (Luke 1:37)

3) Hustle In The Kingdom of God

- The *oil* of the Holy Spirit - God will fill you as often as you come to him (empty jars) to meet your needs and those of your family.
- God deals with debts that are owed.
- Jesus, the anointed One, full of the oil of the Holy Spirit, came with miracle power to pay our sin debts so that we might live by faith in the merits of his life.
- We have true contentment knowing God has miraculously paid our debt of sin at the cross and promised new life through Jesus Christ. He hustled for us. We receive His work by faith.
- Now we hustle by faith (taking up our cross) to help others know this true contentment. (1 Peter 2:9)

REFLECT AND DISCUSS (30 min)

- This story is nestled between a national military defeat (Ch 3) and God's personal miracle to a generous wealthy woman. How does that highlight what happened here? (Hint - Psalm 34:17-22)
- Based on this story, how does God view debt? Does He care? Does he wipe it away or pay it? Why?
- Trials produce miraculous opportunities for freedom and abundance. Besides material provision and freedom from slavery, what else did God produce in this woman and the lives of her children? (Hint- James 1:2-8)

TAKE ACTION

- Take an inventory of your trials.
- Take the trials to God in prayer and ask Him what to do.
- Expect an answer, even if it includes a miracle.
- In private, mix faith in God with your hustle until you have a testimony. (Hebrews 11:1-7)

PRAY TOGETHER (10 min)

- God of all comfort, you tempt no one. Yet you use my trials to produce faith that leads to joy and contentment. You are my provider. Open my eyes and my heart to see your faithfulness so that I may act in faith in the midst of trials. Help me expect your reward for your glory. In Jesus name. Amen.