



DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Would you rather go back in time to meet your ancestors or go into the future to meet your great-grandchildren? Explain.

1. Review the first of the three miracles outlined in [2 Kings 4](#) (verses 1-7). Describe a time you experienced multiple hardships like this widow's grief, poverty, and fear. How did this adversity affect your faith journey?
2. The two other miracles are recorded in [2 Kings 4:38-44](#). When have you or someone you know met an impossible situation that you saw God intersect in an extraordinary way and what was the result?
3. In each of these encounters, the people were honest about their circumstances. In what ways do you find it difficult to be honest when you face challenges or impossible odds?
4. Why are honesty and trust foundational to see God do the impossible in our lives?
5. Each of these people took a next step before God did the extraordinary. Read [James 1: 22-24](#). What next step is God asking you to take this week?
6. These encounters show that God is truly "The God of More." Where do you need to see this truth in your life? Pray together as a group, asking God to help you see breakthroughs where needed this week.

Day One: [Psalm 19](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 19](#)

Day Three: [Joshua 19](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 19](#)

Day Five: [Acts 19](#)

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PERSONAL GUIDE



Your story matters.



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"THE GOD OF MORE"

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MESSAGE NOTES

So how do you and I navigate a world that thinks truth is a moving target and _____ is obsolete?

Today our focus is on 3 incidents in a time of famine where through Elisha, God shows that He is not limited or _____ by any circumstance or situation...

1. Some _____

Note [2 Kings 4:1](#); [1 Kings 19:18](#); [Leviticus 25:39-41](#); [Nehemiah 5:5](#)

If she lost her sons, she would have _____.

So at the same time, she is being _____ by grief, poverty and fear.

Despite _____ following God, she is now facing painful and difficult times (note [John 16:33](#)).

Note [2 Kings 4:2-7](#)

2. _____ Problems

Note [2 Kings 4:38-44](#)

Ordinary people dealing with problems seemingly without _____.

3. The God of the Extraordinary _____ Our Ordinary

4. _____ about the circumstances (note [2 Kings 4:1](#), [40](#), [43a](#)). It's okay to tell God what we think, to cry, to complain (1/3 of Psalms are _____ psalms).

5. Embrace the challenge to _____ God. Being honest about how we feel is fine; but staying _____ by our feelings and thoughts isn't healthy... Sometimes trusting God doesn't _____ from a human perspective. We are constantly asked to not stay in our place of grief, pain, fear, or _____, but to believe what God has said.

6. Take a _____ (note [2 Kings 4:2-5](#), [41a](#), [42c-43b](#)). Genuine faith is never just academic/ _____ (note [James 1: 22-24](#)). It's always making us participants in God's story, not just _____.

Perfectly UNEXPECTED:

- In all three of these encounters, God shows He is the God _____ (note [2 Kings 4:6-7](#), [41](#), [43b-44](#)).
- All these _____ had a greater purpose = pointing people who thought truth was a moving target and God was obsolete back to the God who hears, heals, provides, and saves.
- And these miracles also point forward to _____.
- And the God of more fully revealed how much that _____ is through Jesus (note [John 3:16](#); [1 John 3:16](#)).

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital* or hard copy).

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1. Some Deja Vu

Note [2 Kings 4:1](#); [1 Kings 19:18](#); [Leviticus 25:39-41](#); [Nehemiah 5:5](#)

If she lost her sons, she would have nothing.

So at the same time, she is being assaulted by grief, poverty and fear.

Despite faithfully following God, she is now facing painful and difficult times (note [John 16:33](#)).

Note [2 Kings 4:2-7](#)

2. Food Problems

Note [2 Kings 4:38-44](#)

Ordinary people dealing with problems seemingly without solutions.

3. The God of the Extraordinary Intersects Our Ordinary

4. Honesty about the circumstances (note [2 Kings 4:1](#), [40](#), [43a](#)) - it's okay to tell God what we think, to cry, to complain (1/3 of Psalms are lament psalms).
5. Embrace the challenge to trust God. Being honest about how we feel is fine; but staying dominated by our feelings and thoughts isn't healthy... Sometimes trusting God doesn't make sense from a human perspective. We are constantly asked to not stay in our place of grief, pain, fear, or confusion, but to believe what God has said.
6. Take a next step (note [2 Kings 4:2-5](#), [41a](#), [42c-43b](#)) - genuine faith is never just academic/passive (note [James 1: 22-24](#)). It's always making us participants in God's story, not just observers.

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