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## A Blessing That Overflows

God is an eternal fountain that never runs dry. His nature is one of overflowing richness and exultant generosity. He delights to bless us even more than we desire to be blessed. And His generous heart is backed up solidly by abundance. Ephesians 3:20 (Amplified) puts it this way;

***"Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—"***

As imaginative as we can ever be, the Lord exceeds all our wildest dreams, greatest hopes or most fervent prayers. This "superabundance" of God is so much so that in Malachi 3:10, we see Him making a bold declaration:

***"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."***

From the verse above, God gives His people a commandment and asks them to PROVE Him concerning it. It is no casual matter when the Lord gives His Word, more so, a promise He is willing to be proven on. He promises to open up the windows of heaven and pour out blessings so much that there would be no room to contain it!

However, too many times we are very careful and afraid of receiving and expending the abundance of God. This lavish blessing God gives is so foreign to us that we shrink back and try to "manage" for Him. We may approach His promises, not with jubilant

faith, but with caution; thinking we are "helping" Him. Who told you God needs to be pitied? Who told you there is anything big enough to exhaust His eternal riches?

***You can never exhaust the riches of God.  
His abundance is unfathomable and eternal.***

## Empty Vessels

The widow in 1 Kings 4:1-7 was in a debt that had to be paid. And it was clear that, in herself, nothing could be done; there was only lack and insufficiency. But even in the meagre oil she possessed, lay the key to her salvation. In her eyes, it meant nothing. But for the "superabundant" God, that would become the portal through which she would be blessed and delivered.

Elijah told the widow to go and borrow as many vessels as she could find. And as they began to pour out the content of that small jar of oil, it filled large vessel, after large vessel until the last empty vessel was filled to the brim. And when they couldn't find a vessel in sight again, something strange happened.

The oil stopped.

It is clear that as long as the vessels had kept coming, that oil would have continued flowing. But there were no more, so the oil flow ceased. In the same manner, the Lord is instructing us to go out and get empty vessels. Get as many of them as you can find. Borrow not a few! For the oil that flows from Heaven is sufficient to fill ALL the vessels until the Earth is filled!

God is looking for empty vessels; those lacking completely in every way that would make it easy to walk past them. Like the donkey that was tied down (Matthew 21:1-7), they have been kept and abandoned for so long, waiting for the day the King would ride on them. These empty vessels are all around us - young people everywhere who don't know Jesus, those who are hungry for the sincere

Word, those whom we may have neglected and even given up on. They are the very ones whom God eagerly waits to fill up to the brim if only we would have the desire and faith to leave our comfort zones and search them out. He does not fill up vessels that are full and His instruction to us this year is to leave those full vessels alone and dedicate our efforts towards the empty vessels.

These vessels are also borrowed, they do not belong to us. Stop putting your labels on the vessels; just pour Jesus into them and leave God to take His glory. Don't get tired of pouring Jesus into these vessels, for it is as you pour into them that you get your debts paid.

*God is looking for empty vessels and He has instructed us to go out and gather them. Borrow not a few!*

### Is This All?

C.S Lewis observed about humans that, "We are far too easily pleased." And this is reflected in how quickly we are satisfied in our journey. The problem, therefore, is not that God is exhausted by us, but that we are not hungry enough for more of Him. The widow's problem was the same; there was no room for more, she had exhausted her capacity to receive, and so the oil ceased flowing.

In the Kingdom of God, availability is more important than ability. When a person becomes unavailable for too long, there is always someone to fill in that position they occupied. God is listening to hear you say, like Isaiah, "Here am I", not "There am I". We need to make room for Him because God only occupies the space we give to Him. It is therefore right to say that we have been the ones withholding God; because we have not made enough space for Him to fully occupy.

Beloved, it is time to boldly hunger and thirst for more of God. Time to say, "It is not enough! Is this all there is?" We must become like the thirsty desert or the blazing fire that will never say "Enough" (Proverbs 30:15-16). Men like John Knox, who prayed, "Give me Scotland or I die", were driven by hunger and a large heart that knows the exceeding abundance of God. And it is men like this that God seeks to represent Him among the Nations.

However, if you are to enjoy the splendour of God's "superabundant" blessings and the bountiful harvest of souls, there are sacrifices that must be made. You must be willing to give everything. And in doing this, you will see the abundance of God's blessings over your life (Isaiah 54:1-3).

Your brother,  
**Eze Tetteh**

## PRAYER BURDEN

- 1 - Thank God for how far He has brought us and His promises for the coming year.
- 2 - Our **"Current and Correct" Retreat** comes up **March 24th - 28th, 2021** at **Umuaro, Abia state. Theme: "Empty Vessels"**. Ask for a fresh encounter with the Lord and an out-pouring of His Spirit. Pray for God to make all provisions available for the meeting.
- 3 - Pray for our leader and other coordinators that the Lord will give them vision and grace to carry on the mission. Pray for help and protection.
- 4 - Ask the Lord to breathe upon His work that it may bear lasting fruit in the Nations.
- 5 - Pray that the Lord will send sincere and faithful labourers in His work.