

Emmanuel Prayer List - October 8th

We Give Thanks for God's Blessings

- Jesus' death and resurrection has brought us salvation and reconciliation with God, The Father.
- Emmanuel Baptist Church - God-honouring Pastors, Staff, Leaders.
- Freedoms and peace we enjoy in Canada.
- The plentiful harvest we count on.
- The beauty in nature.

Study Continued

7. Our limitations don't limit God. Elijah, the widow and her son, were all desperately in need of food. But God knew that their was a bigger need. What was it?

In your life, can you see beyond your immediate needs, to see the deeper needs in your life?

8. Read Phil 4:19; Eph 3:17b-19 and Rom 15:13. What do these verses say about God's supply?

9. Pastor Peter gave 3 lessons to find true contentment. What were they and how can you apply them to your life?



THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT

1 Kings 17:7-16

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:12-13

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THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT - 1 Kings 17: 7-16

Contentment =

BACKGROUND (v.8-9)

Culture of the day:

v.7 Some time later the brook _____

GOD IS IN CONTROL (v.8-9)

v.8-9 God's instruction:

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for _____

How do I do that?

The widow:

Zarephath:

Lesson #1 True contentment comes: _____

GOD KNOWS WHAT I NEED (v.10-14)

God has a purpose _____

My _____ don't limit God

Lesson #2 True contentment comes: _____

MY CHOICE: I'M GOING TO LIVE BY _____ (v.15-16)

Our _____ don't limit God

There is no _____ to God's supply

Philippians 4:19

Ephesians 3:17-19

Romans 15:13

Lesson #3 True contentment comes: _____

1. What are some of the things that cause us to be discontented with life?

2. Read 1 Kings 17:7-9. Put yourself in Elijah's shoes - the brook has just dried up and God is telling you to make a 140km walk (with no water or food) to a foreign town to be cared for by a widow. As you make the journey, what are you thinking?

3. When the 'brook dries up' in our life, God wants us to learn that God is still in control, and wants us to learn to trust Him? Read Habakkuk 3:16-19. The prophet was watching his country being invaded when he wrote these words (Hab 3:16), but God gave him a different perspective. What can 'we' do to get that different perspective?

4. It was probably quite humbling for Elijah to have to rely on this widow to care for him. How and why does God need to humble us at times?
(Also Read James 4:10)

5. Zarephath was in the region where Jezebel came from, and a centre of Baal worship. In order to find peace and contentment, we often need to face our issues head on. Whether it be to do with an issue from the past, an attitude, a sinful lifestyle, pride, anxiety etc. Is there an area of your life that God wants you to deal with?

6. Read 1 Kings 17:10-16. God knows what we need, and has a purpose bigger than our immediate needs. The widow only had a handful of flour and a little olive oil, enough to make bread for herself and her son, and die. What was Elijah's response?

What do you think were the initial thoughts of the widow?

Why was it important for her to make Elijah some bread first?

Why did she do what Elijah said?

Explain how faith comes to us (Read Romans 10:17)