

Texts: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Introduction: Debt is one of the major issues of women in the 21st Century

Debt in Macro Level

Debt in Micro Level

1. When Mothers cry It moves the heart of God v. 1

a. The 3 D's that causes her to cry

1. D **eath** _____

2. D **ebt** _____

3. D **espair** _____

b. Josephus:

c. The cry of a baby cow

d. Compare the situation of this woman and Bartimaeus, Mark 10: 48

e. Psalms 50:15; Psalms 10:17

2. When Mothers tell their concerns, God intervenes v. 2-3

a. Two contextual questions when we are ministering to the poor

1. Question of **engagement**. How can I help you?

2. Question of **discernment**. Tell me, what do you have in your house?

b. Two Models of Involvement

1. **Answering** the need without asking the **question**

2. **Asking** the need before **providing** an answer

c. Study these passages: Psalms 68:5; 146:9; James 1:27

d. The case of Lower Rock Quarry Ministry

3. When Mothers obey, God uses their "little oil" to overflow

a. Little oil is an "anointing of oil" "a small vessel for anointing"

b. When Mothers "Go," It Overflows

Conclusion:

1. What are the faces of the poor of 2 Kings 4:1-7 and what are their socio-economic struggles in ancient time? How do you compare the economic struggles of women in the 21st century?

2. How do you describe the heart of God to the poor in this text and compare the other passages in Psalms?

3. What form of participation we need to make to show our solidarity to the poor?

4. What does the "little oil" signifies to us today and how it relates to our economic life? Do you agree that, as Christians, we need to develop our "active" (Letting your work and talents produce money) and "passive" (letting your money works for money) in come to attain economic prosperity?

PRAY!