

FAITH IS...

developed through hardship, disappointment, conflict, frustration, failure, and loss—not through stained glass windows or religious props.

—Dr. Pamela Reeve

HOW TO OVERCOME MIND MONSTERS...

- *Practice gratitude*
- *Reframe problems as opportunities*
- *Surround yourself with growth-oriented people*

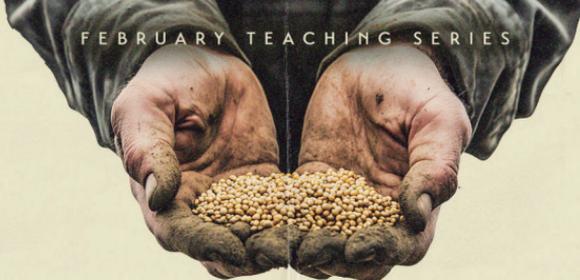


CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Instructor: Deb Perez

Next. Class: Thursday, February 27
7:00 p.m.

'Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.



Feb 02 » A small lunch
 Feb 09 » A small jawbone
 Feb 16 » A small stone
 Feb 23 » A small amount
 of faith

SMALL THINGS MATTER IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
 Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy W. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sophie T. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merle » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith K. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Hector S. » Healing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie & Family » Life Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Vanessa » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacob M. » Emotional Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lucille S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Noelle G. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Augustin A. » Sobriety | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yalda Samano » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie » Lung Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Miner III. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Silvia J. » Health/Faith Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zach D. » Sobriety | <input type="checkbox"/> Becky H. » Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paitn » Return to God | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl » Hip Surgery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meztli » Return to God | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Sharp » Physical Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ivy » Healing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike K. » Bone Cancer | |



METRICS THAT MATTER (02/16/25)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 31 GIVING ▶ \$1,135 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0



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Just a Little Bit of Faith

For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: “The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.” She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.

1 Kings 17:14-15

Background

- Elijah was being fed by ravens at the Brook Cherith.
- When the brook dried up and the ravens failed to show, God gave him a new instruction to go to Zarephath, a small village in Zidon.
- There a widow would receive an instruction to provide food for them.
- When he arrived in Zidon, the scene was dismal and tragic
- Her supply had run out and she had no faith for survival.

The Problem

There was a needy widow who was destitute together with her son.

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”

And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” **1 Kings 17:10, 12**

The Promise

God promised to provide food and water for this woman and her son.

And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'"

1 Kings 17:13-14

**How did this miracle happen?
A non-Jewish woman
displayed faith?
Just a little bit of faith?**

Very simply: she took the "lid" off!

The Provision

God provided exactly as Elijah had said.

And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. 1 Kings 17:15-16