

MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

Only A Handful

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During a great famine in the days of King Ahab (1 Kings 17), Elijah, the prophet, asked a widow for a piece of bread. Her response to him was, "I do not have any bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar."

To the widow, only a "handful" was insufficient to meet the needs of Elijah. And I suppose "only a handful" doesn't seem like much at all, but that all depends upon whose hands we're talking about. Only a "handful" in the widow's hands wasn't much, but a "handful" in the hands of God is an inexhaustible supply, and the rest of the account bears this out. God miraculously made that "handful of flour" meet her needs and last throughout the duration of the famine.

The point I want you to take away from this account is that our "little handful" isn't much, but with God it's more than enough! David only had a sling. Moses only had a staff. Samson only had a jawbone. A widow only had two pennies. And a lad only had five loaves and two fish. Yet, it was enough; more than enough.

So what is it that you only have a "handful" of? Whatever you do, don't discount it. With God, your little handful is more than sufficient. Don't discount your abilities and influence, however small you may think them to be. Allow God the opportunity to use your "handful" to his glory. Give it some thought!

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