

“Faithful Obedience”

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas—We’d prefer to fill a storehouse with a lifetime’s worth of courage, cash and convictions. Yet God wants us to trust him *day by day*.

Elijah’s word to the widow is God’s Word to us: “The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry” (1 Kings 17:14, NIV).

Elijah spoke to her with faith. She responded in faith. She turned and obeyed.

In order to swim upstream in a downstream culture, we (like the widow) have to make a choice—

Will we obey God?

- When you are weary, God is your strength.
- When you are lonely, God is your friend.
- When you are weak, God is your provider.

Fortitude follows faithful obedience.

Do what the widow did.

- Go to the kitchen.
- Empty the jar of oil and flour.
- Trust.

The God who filled it today will fill it again tomorrow.