

God was real in that hour and her trust was in him, she carried out all the instructions---

Our conviction is that the funeral is not farewell--

Often we go on stand before those who have suffered loss-- we could not say poor man, or poor woman, as admire their spirit, they seem to see beyond the disaster.

A young widow said "I gathered up the fragments of my life"

The one pot of oil left in the darkened home was multiplied in other lives and extended to help others.
- What was left of disaster was used--- we can always find something in the leavings

No Matter how stormy the Day or Dark the Night - if you CAN keep the faith
Poor Boy - Poor Family - Johnnie came home from Church, Mother Anthoni Preacher said today "God will provide"

I've got the answer -

Prayer to be answered
I'm going to write God a letter, and best stamp in Rome.

Postman not know where to deliver it - got rid
Clerk - He wondered what to do - Ended up
Postman is sinful - Billy Sunday - gather God took him

Post Master's Desk - What can I do, send another city, or send letter
But God is living - omnipotent God is everywhere.

Opened: Dear God, No one love with, No light see, No food on table.
Please come by + see about it. Preacher said "God will provide" - phone -

Phone - arched light, open on, open Postman Mary, says Preacher -
Mother said arched sweeping woman out brown light. Faded on -

Preacher says to talk.
Called Johnnie out back yard - what's wrong, Mama.
Rushed in embraced her - "God got my letter, God got my letter."
Thank God!

God take leavings of your life - sinful - God will provide for you.

So Mary - Oct. 18, 1953 Am.

So Mary - March 6, 1999

THE LEAVINGS OF DISASTER

2 Kings 4:1-7

ending came 9 Oct 1952 in Wash DC. 1952 was that same - accidents 4th on 1st from age 1-44 accidents and in 1952. Average 45 up - that same made Intro: Disaster is a headline word in every news paper in 1949 the country. A fire destroyed a 100,000.00 warehouse, People and cattle are snow bound, a river breaks over & washes a bridge away, at a crossing on highway 80 three people were killed-- Disaster-- The man down the street died last night-- on and on

How do we face it all? what is our reaction to disaster? When it comes to us, how ell do we stand up under it?

Do you give up? - Don't give up. When you give up, you lose. Do you give up? - Don't give up. When you give up, you lose. Do you give up? - Don't give up. When you give up, you lose.

Here before us is a story from the Bible-- How a person capitalised the leavings of disaster.

I. A WOMAN AND DISASTER

V.1

1. Husband died...
lost her companion etc.

2. A debt

A. Anyone with sturdy independence finds a debt galling.

B. Some people through no fault of our own get in debt--

W.D. HARVEY the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, had his physician to James I a chemist, in 1628. He was in all circumstances a good scholar & had a high opinion of himself as a good writer. His brother, who was a physician, came to him, and suggested that he should write a book on the circulation of the blood, and that he should write a book on the circulation of the blood.

3. The Creditor.....

Under Law could take her two boys into slavery for 7 years.

Without principle-urged the payment of the debt then,

4. Her two sons.....

Desperate straits, these two boys could support her & in time pay off the debt, but if taken as slaves she would be left without support.

II. A PROPHECY TO HER AID.

1. Heard her story of grief - v.1

2. Ask her one question * "WHAT HAST THOU IN THE HOUSE?"

Is there anything left of value in this situation?

Elisha did not come with a shower of aid in abundance, but sought to help her help herself. This is a true way to help the poor - reckless almsgiving ruins the objects of our charity.

3. A pot of oil - v.2

Even in the worst situation we have a little to live for.

4. Borrow - v.3

5. Close the door - & pour - v.4-6

6. Pay your debt - v.7

This is taking the scanty left overs and succeeding that was ruining her happiness

III. LEAVINGS OF DISASTER

There is always something of value in the leavings of disaster. This bereaved woman had more when she finished than just a little pot of Oil.

1. She discovered she had a real friend in a day of disaster. Prophet Elisha - He respected her husband for his faith and service. He could tell her right.

She could counsel first with the man who knew God!

2. She discovered sympathetic neighbours in the day of Disaster who were ready to help - let her have their vessels

Frid. Oct 9, 1913 While Joe & Martha Hall were in classes at Bluefield College the drought year of the great fire little home. James consumed the little home & contents. His furniture, wedding gifts, mining outfit, books & clothes completely destroyed. Joe a minister, student, & mother, his wife, were left with only the clothes they were wearing. He sought to buy second clothes, the business school community - The family! The student's home & found her home in a spare bedroom in the student's home. He found her home started to help at the top in homecoming again. "Houses But Not Forgotten" Had his article in the Herald.

3. She discovered the tie of love in her family. The family held loyally together - and stood side by side in the hard struggle.

The boys worked with their mother till the shadows of the debt vanished. Now, we do not say poor widows, poor sons they seem to have minutes full lights.

Prisoned they had much to live for.

4. The treasure of God helped turn the tide of disaster. God