

Hello! This is Dorothy -

Have you ever felt God took you to the wrong place? Have you ever wondered why you are where you are and what you are doing? In your imagination, you see yourself being used so much more by God, if only people recognized all of your talent! My, you could do so much for the living God! You work out all these ideas in your imagination.

The Bible tells us to cast down our imagination, because the plan of God is such that very often you think you are being led to Plan E and then you find you are onto Plan B.

He has the next thing that we have no idea about for He has a plan for your life and mine when we are in Christ. He allows all kinds of amazing things to happen so that, from our heart, we might totally turn with dependence upon Him. You know, that is about the hardest thing we can do, because when you totally depend on somebody, all your little backup schemes really have to be laid on the altar.

Here is a story of a man who walked before God, the prophet Elijah. He came to this little widow. (We are back in **1 Kings chapter 17.**) As he came to this little widow, she was not only looking out for herself, but her mind and her heart was caring for her son. I don't know why she was a widow. Perhaps the husband had died in this terrible famine that people were experiencing. I don't know. But here God sent Elijah to be dependent upon a widow with a son. You know, for a well-known man of God that even the kings feared, could you just imagine what it was like to be dependent upon a woman who didn't have anything there for him? Yet, God always has teeny little

incidents to count for our life.

When Elijah appealed to her to not only bring him water but also food, it was amazing that she, waiting for the living God, promptly responded.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. She obeyed. She didn't question the fact of who was this stranger that she would have to share her last morsel of food with such a person. *No!*

You know, I am reminded of our dear Lord after His death in His resurrection days as He walked here on earth, after He rose from the dead, a conqueror over death. On that Emmaus Road, you remember, there were two disciples, who were so overwhelmed with their own problems. "Oh, all our hopes were in Jesus and they crucified Him!" They did not even recognize Who was this stranger, as they thought, walking along with them on that Emmaus Road. It could be that you have missed the fact that God, in charge of all things, wanting only the best for you spiritually, because it is going to last forever and ever what He does in you here - is saying to you, "Trust Me in this situation."

It is more than even food. You see, when she said *Yes!* to this man, who is a man of God, not only did she have a way that she was helped with food for herself and her son, but also she received spiritually. The same God that he knew, she came to know. She found that his provision was such, for it says -

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

Would you please understand that that book that you have, called the Bible, is the Word of the living God? Would you begin to see that God has a way that He will speak to you in such a manner today that is different from anybody else? You don't have to grab the Bible and go "looky-lu." No, ask the Holy Spirit to open unto you His Word, and, in a consistent manner, turn to verses and see things around what you are reading and it will be living and it will be real. That is for today, for none of us know whether we are even going to be here by tomorrow. We need to begin to see that God speaks to us through His Word and confirms those things by His Spirit. It is by His Spirit He takes His Word. He doesn't put strange signs in the sky and say, "Watch out! One day if you keep looking up, you are going to see it, and follow what everybody else is saying." *No!* He is saying, "Keep in My Word."

I love it that not only did the barrel of meal not waste or the cruse of oil fail, for those are the two necessary ingredients by which they could eat, but, according to the Word, they were sustained.

You know, I could tell you such stories of miracles, but what is the good of speaking of others, when it is you I am concerned about? Will you say, "*Lord, I turn over everything to you. I want what You want and Your plan. I am thanking and praising You through Your Word. You are going to feed me and direct me day by day. In the worst situation, You will get the praise and the glory from my heart.*"

In Jesus' Name. Amen.