



**Trapped by a Naïve Assumption
(What have you been financially naïve about?)**

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Main Text:

- **II Kings 4:1-7**

Series Map for March

1. Trapped by Unnecessary Obligations (How necessary are your obligations?)
2. **Trapped by a Naïve Assumption (What have you been financially naïve about?)**
3. Trapped by Uncontrolled **Debt** (How easily broken are you financially?)
4. Trapped by Financial **Isolation** (Who can you call to help you?)

**I. A Tragic Circumstance At the
End of a Good Man's Life**

Text: 2 Kings 4:1–7 (NIV): The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is **dead**, and you know that he **revered the Lord**. But now his **creditor** is coming to take my **two boys** as his **slaves**.”

Seven Observations about the Man of God's Circumstances

1. He was loved (She never said anything negative about his failures)
2. He was fruitful (He had two boys)
3. He died unprepared (He was religious and naïve about his finances)
4. ***He was deeply spiritually committed***
5. He was deeply in debt to his creditor
6. He left his family and children vulnerable
7. He left his family in danger of becoming slaves

II. How to Change the Circumstance

1. Look at What You Have

- 2 Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?”
“Your servant has **nothing** there at all,” she said, “**except** a small jar of olive oil.”

2. Gather Together What You Can

- 3 Elisha said, “Go around and **ask all your neighbors for empty jars**. Don't ask for just a few.

3. Use What You Have by Faith to Build What You Need

- 4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. **Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.**
- 5 She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. 6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, **“Bring me another one.”**
- But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.

4. Pay Off Your Debts and Live on What’s Left

- 7 She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.”

Question: Have you ever had a chance to pay off your debt and ignored it?

III. Five Debts That Affect a Lot of Good People

1. **Housing Debt:** You need a place to live
2. **Car Debt:** You need transportation
3. **Student Debt:** You need an education
4. **Medical Debt:** You need to stay alive
5. **Credit Card Debt:** You had a cash margin issue (you had no place to get the cash you needed)

Next Time: We will talk about “Trapped by Uncontrolled Debt”

Read Ahead: Proverbs 22:7

- 7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender