

**2 Kings 4:38-44** (ESV)

<sup>38</sup>Elisha returned to Gilgal and there was a famine in that region. While the company of the prophets was meeting with him, he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and cook some stew for these prophets."

<sup>39</sup>One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine and picked as many of its gourds as his garment could hold. When he returned, he cut them up into the pot of stew, though no one knew what they were. <sup>40</sup>The stew was poured out for the men, but as they began to eat it, they cried out, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it.

<sup>41</sup>Elisha said, "Get some flour." He put it into the pot and said, "Serve it to the people to eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

<sup>43</sup>"How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" <sup>44</sup>Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

**Discussion Questions:**

What is the lowest you have very been financially? Have you ever been in a situation in which you did not know where your next meal was coming from?

**Bible Study Questions**

1. Why did Elisha tell his servant to fix a pot of stew?

---

---

---

2. Why did one of the prophets go out gather wild gourds? When they discovered that the pot was poisoned, why didn't they just throw it out? (See also 1 Kings 17:14-16)

---

---

---

---

3. Why do you suppose the man from Baal Shalishah brought loaves of bread to Elisha? (See Leviticus 23:20; Numbers 18:13; Deuteronomy 18:4-5)

---

---

---

---

4. What do both of these culinary miracles teach us about God? (See also Matthew 6:11; John 6:9-14; Matthew 6:33)

---

---

---

---