



*A Mother of Faith*  
Mother's Day  
1 Kings 17:8-24  
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**Lessons in faith from an unnamed, poor, Gentile widow:**

1. God prepares you for what He wants you to do. (9)
2. Trusting God does not mean you check your brains at the door. (10-12)
3. Faith is completed in obedience. (15-16)
4. God's gracious blessing does not shelter you from all disasters. (17-18)
5. Faith grows step by step. (9-24)

## **In My Life This Week**

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Yesterday we looked at five lessons in faith from an unnamed, poor, gentile widow. She was a mother who displayed faith, and through that still teaches us. The first lesson is that God prepares you for what He wants you to do (see verse 9). How does God prepare you for the next steps? Do you look for, explore and accept His preparation?

**Tuesday.** The second lesson is that living by faith does not mean you check your brains at the door. Read verses 10-12. This woman knew God wanted her to provide for Elijah (see verse 9), but she was still thinking about the welfare of her son and herself. She had her eyes and mind open to both opportunities and obstacles. This is active faith in action.

**Wednesday.** Lessons three and four are about obedience and the aftermath of faith. Read verses 15-18. Don't pass over her obedience quickly – she gave all she had. Can you picture the many days of miracles as the flour and oil were replenished by God? But then her son died. Notice her deep and honest struggle. Living by faith does not shelter us from all the disasters of this sinful world. Read and reflect on Hebrews 11:32-40.

**Thursday.** The last lesson we looked at on Sunday was that faith grows step by step. Read the account again, verses 8-24, noting as much as you can from the brief glimpses of her walk of faith. Your faith, my faith, grows step by step as we follow God throughout all of our lives, just as in her life.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to return to the book of Acts with 20:28-35, focusing on church leadership. Read the passage in preparation for our time together.