## **Sermon Series: Divine Assistance**

ey Reading: 1 Kings 17: 9-15

9"Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." <sup>10</sup>So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." <sup>12</sup>"As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die." <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land."

Weekly Reading	
Day 1	Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.
Day 2	Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise
Day 3	Luke 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.
Day 4	Romans 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:
Day 5	Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.
Day 6	Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.
Day 7	Psalm 37:7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

What part of this week's focus text (1 Kings 17: 9-15) resonated with you the most? In what ways do you identify with the widow woman? Or other central character?
Name some of the people who have been a voice of divine guidance in your life. How can you thank them for their obedience to "lift" you?
What area(s) of your life had you resigned to let die? In what ways might they live again?
Are you willing to surrender your plans for God's plan? In what ways do you sense God is calling you to put down your plan and pick up divine instructions?