

God Waits for Us to Be Empty

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God waits for us to be empty, and when we do, He fills us with His unlimited fullness.

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:2, Psalm 107:9, Isaiah 55:1, Matthew 5:6, Luke 1:53, John 3:30, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 5:18, Philippians 4:19, James 4:10

Topics: "Being Filled with the Holy Spirit", "Emptying Ourselves"

Description

Watchman Nee emphasizes that God desires us to be continuously empty in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit. He illustrates this through the story of a woman who had only a pot of oil, highlighting that the more we empty ourselves, the more room we create for God's fullness. The sermon teaches that our responsibility is to keep emptying ourselves, while God's role is to fill us with His Spirit. Nee reminds us that God waits for us to recognize our need for Him, and only those who acknowledge their emptiness will be filled. Ultimately, the message is about the importance of maintaining an open heart to receive God's abundant blessings.

Transcript

"And she said, thy handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil." 2 Kings 4:2

The work of the Holy Spirit is not "once empty, always full"; it is "keeping on being empty to keep on being full." The woman's difficulty was having too few vessels. She was told to borrow "not a few." which is to say "the more the better." The greater the space, the greater will be the fullness. This is the rule which God wants us to learn.

He waits for us to be empty. If you have an unlimited vacancy, the Holy Spirit will occupy it all, dispensing to you his unlimited fullness. Let me repeat; our emptying needs to be continuous. To the degree that we empty ourselves. God can fill us. The emptying is our responsibility, just as the filling is his. God wants to see the hungry filled with good things. Only those who presume to be rich will he send away empty.

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