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## 2 Kings 4:42-44 ESV

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# Geography Lesson...

- **Where is Baal-Shalishah**
- **Where is Gilgal**





## The Customs / Law...

- Why did the man from Baal-Shalishah bring the barley loaves and first grains to Elisha at Gilgal?



# Leviticus 23:9-11 ESV

<sup>9</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>10</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, <sup>11</sup> and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.





## Deu 18 – Provision for Priests and Levites

- v.4 - The **firstfruits** of your grain, of your wine and of your oil, and the first fleece of your sheep, you shall give him.



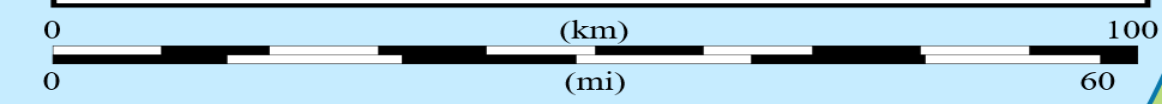
## Deu 18 – Provision for Priests and Levites

- The Tribe of Levi is God's chosen tribe to perform religious duties and holy service in the Tabernacle for the Israelites. In return, the landed tribes were expected to give tithe to support the Levites.



# THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Around 1200-1050 B.C.  
(according to the Book of Joshua)



1. Rueben
2. Simeon
3. Levi
4. Judah
5. Dan
6. Naphtali
7. Gad
8. Asher
9. Issachar
10. Zebulun
11. Joseph (Ephraim & Manasseh)
12. Benjamin

## Circumstance...

- And Elisha came again to Gilgal when there was a **famine** in the land – 2 Kings 4:38a ESV



## During a famine...

- People worry more about the little supply available
- And not about the people who are in need of the little supply



The BIG Question...

HOW TO BE **BLESSED**  
SO THAT WE CAN BE A  
**BLESSING!**

3 Secrets



# 1. The **NEED**



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# Luke 9:13-17 ESV

<sup>13</sup> But he said to them, “*You give them something to eat.*” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish – unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” <sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup> And they did so, and had them all sit down.

# Luke 9:13-17 ESV

<sup>16</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

<sup>17</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

## The Similarities – 2 Kings 4 vs Luke 9

- Limited supply of food
- Too many hungry people to feed
- All were fed
- There was left over



## The NEED...

- 2 Kings 4 – 100 hungry men
- Luke 9 – 5,000 hungry men



Can you see the  
**NEED**?



## 2. The **OPPORTUNITY**



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## The Instruction...

- 2 Kings 4 – Give it to the people to eat...
- Luke 9 – You give them something to eat...



# The Challenge...

- **2 Kings 4 – 100 men; 20 loaves**
- **Luke 9 – 5,000 men; 5 loaves & 2 fishes**



# What are you focused on???

- The Challenge – Overwhelmed...
- The OPPORTUNITY – Triumphant!!!



Do you know  
where is the  
**OPPORTUNITY?**



# 3. The **MIRACLE**



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## The Miracle...

- 2 Kings 4 – They ate and had some left over.
- Luke 9 – They all ate and were satisfied...left over twelve baskets of broken pieces





# HOW did the miracle happen?

- Elisha and Jesus *KNEW* who to turn to
- And they *OBEYED*



Do you want to  
see the  
**MIRACLE?**





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God blesses us so that we  
can be a blessing

# John 6:35 ESV

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”



# John 6:51 ESV

**51**”I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life to the world is my flesh.”





What HAVE you  
been blessed with lately that  
you CAN bless others with?

