

## **Uncharted**

### **Week 3**

#### **Uncharted: Making Room for the Holy Spirit | Living a Spirit-Led Life**

Key Text: Romans 8:14 — “Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.”

Supporting Texts: 2 Kings 4:1–7; 2 Kings 4:8–17

- A Spirit-led life is an adventure into the uncharted — but it requires room. God’s provision (the “oil”) does not run out; we stop making room for it.

#### **Romans 8:14**

- Being “led by the Spirit” defines our identity as God’s children.
- Leadership by the Spirit requires responsiveness and space for His direction.

#### **Two Stories of Room (2 Kings 4)**

Widow and the Oil (2 Kings 4:1–7)

- Problem: Debts, impending loss.
- Miracle: Oil multiplies as jars are made available.
- Insight: The oil continued to flow as long as there was room. When there was no more room, the supply stopped.
- Principle: God’s provision meets needs in tangible ways — the Spirit’s work touches real, material needs.

Shunammite Woman and the Room (2 Kings 4:8–17)

- The woman sees Elisha’s anointing and intentionally invests time, money, and space to host him.
- She “made a room” for the prophet — literally creating space for the Spirit’s presence.
- Outcome: The room became the setting for future provision and miracle (a blessing she could not have asked or imagined).
- Principle: Intentional investment—honor, time, resources—creates a place for God to act.

#### **Theology of the Oil**

- Biblical symbolism: oil = provision, empowerment, healing, presence of the Holy Spirit.
- The Spirit does not force entry; He fills what we make available.

- The anointing translates into real-world transformation, not spiritual escapism.

## **How We Make Room for the Spirit (Practical Steps)**

### **1. Knowledge of Scripture**

- Scripture enlarges our capacity to receive: truth expands our vision and expectation.
- Regular Bible engagement awakens sensitivity to the Spirit's voice.

### **2. Time with the Lord**

- Consistent prayer, waiting in His presence, "upper room" moments.
- Waiting isn't earning; it's stretching and creating internal space.
- Practical: schedule regular times of quiet prayer, extend worship, cultivate stillness.

### **3. Obedience to the Spirit's Prompting**

- Respond when He says "do this now" — small or large acts of obedience.
- Examples of obedience: speaking a prophetic word, laying hands for healing, starting a ministry, financial giving, moving, vocational changes.
- Testimony illustration (Roscoe Service): obedience + time brought fruit.
- Note: Obedience often requires cost (time, money, reputation) but opens space for greater work.

## **The Cost and the Reward**

- Some won't invest time or resources; the Spirit's work is hindered, not because God is out of provision, but because we withhold room.
- What good is the oil if we hold it in jars and never let it transform the earth? The anointing should result in tangible change.

## **Practical Applications for the Congregation (Concrete Next Steps)**

- Identify one spiritual "jar" you will empty this week (time, money, a schedule slot) and dedicate it to the Spirit.
- Choose one act of obedience this month (a difficult conversation, a step of generosity, using a spiritual gift).
- Commit to one regular, weekly "upper room" time—30–60 minutes of uninterrupted prayer/worship/Bible.

## **Altar Call / Closing Commitment**

- Two simple responses:

1. “I will make room for you, Holy Spirit.” (Commit to a specific action now.)
2. Salvation — receive Jesus as Lord if you haven’t; the Spirit leads those who are His.

**Closing Prayer**

- Ask God to enlarge your heart, create spiritual space, increase hunger for Scripture and presence, and give courage to obey.