

Women of the Bible:

Widow of Zarephath

First: Start with the facts from each passage:

Second: What would her life have been like at this time

Third: What traits do we discover about her

Fourth: How did God work through this person, even after their mistake(s)

Fifth: What inspiration or lessons can be learned?

I Kings 17:7-9

I Kings 17:10-12

I Kings 17:13-16

I Kings 17:17-24

Luke 4:24-26

Lessons for Our Lives:

DID YOU NOTICE:

I Kings 17:7-9 Woman appears to be a believer in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The widow would help Elijah understand what the people were going through.

I Kings 17:10-12 The woman saw her limitations and felt unable to carry out God's command. God showed His power by working through a widow and her son to provide for Elijah during a famine. Usually the people were responsible for providing for widows.

I Kings 17:13-16 The woman had faith and obeyed Elijah's instructions. Each day would be another demonstration of her faith and obedience. The bread was probably unleavened and was a reminder that God would provide for them, as He had the Israelites in the wilderness.

I Kings 17:17-24 Though she had seen God provide repeatedly, she had now encountered something that caused her to doubt. She questioned now God's judgment upon her, after having been blessed of Him. God did not condemn her doubt, but demonstrated again His power.

Luke 4:24-26 God had selected the widow at Zarephath and planned for her faith to be used to teach others.