

Sufficiency of Christ
(He Is More Than Enough)

Key Scripture for this Series:

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 *And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,*

Psalms 9:10 *And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

It is as if we learn not to trust through our experiences:

- Over time, fear replaces faith.
- Suspicion replaces trust.
- Doubt replaces belief.

KNOWING GOD MORE HELPS US TRUST IN HIS SUFFICIENCY:

1. Sin is a **mistrust** of God's Word and name which leads us to a place of **disobeying** God.
 - a. Exodus 20:7 *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...*
 - b. 2 Chronicles 7:14 *If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*
 - c. Psalm 103:1 *Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*
 - d. Romans 10:13 *For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*
2. The names of God are **descriptive** of who He **is** and what He **does**.
 - a. **Elohim**: Creator; the strong one and faithful one.
Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
 - b. **EI Shaddai**: the Almighty God, the all-sufficient One.
Genesis 17:1 (NKJV) *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.*
 - c. **EI EI-yon**: the Most High God.
Psalm 9:2 (NKJV) *I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.*

1 Corinthians 8:6 *yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.*
 - d. **EI Ro-i(e)**: "the God who sees me"

Genesis 16:13 *She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."*

- e. **Adonai**: the Master, Ruler, Lord, Father, Owner.

Psalm 24:1 (NIV) *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*

Psalm 103:19 (NIV) *The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.*

- f. **Jehovah (Yahweh)** the self-sufficient One; God of the Covenant; the Promise.

Exodus 3:15 *God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.*

Deuteronomy 7:9 *"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;*

2 Timothy 2:11-13 *This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. 12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*

Isaiah 54:10 *Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*

2 Kings 4:1-7

1 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves." 2 So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil." 3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. 4 And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." 5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. 6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

1. Sufficiency comes in our willingness to **obey** and **do** what God **prompts** us to do.
 - a. 2 Kings 4:2-3 *So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil." 3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few.*
2. When the need is **private**, give God room to bring your **miracle** in **private**.
 - a. 2 Kings 4:4 *And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." 5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out.*

- b. 2 Kings 4:7 *Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."*
- 3. God will keep **giving** Himself as long as we bring a **receptive** vessel to Him.
 - a. 2 Kings 4:6 *Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased.*
 - b. James 4:2 ... *you do not have because you do not ask God.*
- 4. **Oil** is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The Lord will **continue** to **flow** through you as long as you are giving out to others.
 - a. John 3:34 *For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.*
 - b. Ephesians 3:20 *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.*