**Elijah Reviving the Widow’s Son**

**1 Kings 17:7-16**, The account of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath offers many insights. (**Luke 7:11-17** Jesus revived the only son of the widow of Nain.)

1. **First**, God often uses unlikely people and sources to accomplish His purposes.
2. **Second**, God’s mercy extends to all people, both Jews and Gentiles, and the Sidonian widow was blessed for her faith (see **Acts 10:34–35**, *“Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.”*
3. **Third**, God requires faith (**Heb 11:6**, “*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”* The widow’s miracle only came after she prepared a meal for Elijah—an act of sincere faith on her part.