

## October 15 | Sunday

The Importance of Making Room for More

Read [1 Chronicles 4:9-10](#)



### 16 | Mon – Asking for more | Read [1 Chronicles 4:9-10](#)

Judah was the son of Jacob, grandson of Isaac, great-grandson of Abraham. In the list of Judah's descendants, there is an unusual pause where a man named Jabez is mentioned. All that is known of this man is contained in these two verses...that he was a man of honor and that his prayer was answered. What would you pray for if you knew that God would say yes? What area of your life would you like to see "enlarged" for more impact in God's kingdom?

### 17 | Tue – Empty jars | Read [2 Kings 4:1-7](#)

She had nothing left. Her source of income had disappeared when her husband died. She was about to lose her two sons as payment for the debt. But then she went to her husband's mentor, the prophet Elisha, and he told her to make room for a huge blessing. She was to borrow every container she could and then start pouring out of her little bottle of oil. Read to see what happened next. Do you feel like you have nothing to give? If you offer the little that you have, God will pour out a blessing too large to contain. Make room for it.

### 18 | Wed – Too small | Read [Mark 2:1-12](#)

What happens when you don't make room for one more? In this story of Jesus healing people, the venue was too small for anyone else to fit in the door. One very sick man had friends who were passionate about getting him to Jesus. Unable to fit in the limited space, these four friends tore up the roof, literally. Is there some place in your life or your church where the space is too limited for what God wants to do there?

### 19 | Thu – Is everyone welcome? | Read [Luke 15:1-7](#)

The priests and spiritual leaders of Jesus' day were so righteous they did not allow anyone in the temple who was not considered holy. This left out many people - sinners - yet Jesus said they would enter the kingdom of God ahead of the "good" people. How can that be? Is it because Jesus planned to make a way for *everyone* to come in? It is not enough to make room in your church for those who seem less than spiritual but if they have a place in God's heart, can you open yours as well?

### 20 | Fri – Bystanders | Read [Luke 19:9](#)

Jesus made room for everyone. Even those around the fringe who were considered outcasts. He noticed everyone. The man in this story was outside the "in" group, watching from the sidelines. Jesus saw him when no one else did and invited him into the group and into the kingdom of God. Begin to notice those around you, especially the quiet ones. Ask God to show you who you can make space for.

### 21 | Sat – Next Step | Read [Luke 14:16-24](#)

Consider this. You were once an outsider. Someone invited you in. Now it is your turn. Jesus said "Come" to everyone he met. He actively searched out those who might not have come looking for him. His mission was to find disconnected people and connect them to the heart of God. Jesus said that his disciples, if they loved him, would do what he did. What might your next step be in making room for more?