

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see
the whole staircase.**

**Catalyst:
Becoming a Change Agent
in a “Couldn’t Care Less” Culture**

Developing Catalytic Faith

(1 Kings 17:2-16)

**Catalyst: Becoming a Change Agent
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1 Kings 17:2–4 (NIV)

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah:

³ “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan.

⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there.”

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1. Give change a chance.

2.

1 Kings 17:8–9 (NIV)

Then the word of the LORD came to him:

**⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon
and stay there.**

**I have commanded a widow
in that place to supply you with food.”**

1 Kings 17:10-11a (NIV)

So he went to Zarephath.

**When he came to the town gate,
a widow was there gathering sticks.**

**He called to her and asked,
“Would you bring me a little water in a jar
so I may have a drink?”**

**¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called,
“And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”**

1 Kings 17:12 (NIV)

**“As surely as the LORD your God lives,”
she replied, “I don’t have any bread—
only a handful of flour in a jar
and a little oil in a jug.**

**I am gathering a few sticks to take home
and make a meal for myself and my son,
that we may eat it—and die.”**

1 Kings 17:13 (NIV)

**Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid.
Go home and do as you have said.
But first make a small cake of bread for me
from what you have and bring it to me,
and then make something for yourself
and your son.**

1 Kings 17:14 (NIV)

**For this is what the LORD,
the God of Israel, says:**

**‘The jar of flour will not be used up
and the jug of oil will not run dry
until the day the LORD gives rain
on the land.’”**

Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

**And my God will meet all your needs
according to his glorious riches
in Christ Jesus.**

1 Kings 17:13a (NIV)

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid.

1 Kings 17:15-16 (NIV)

**She went away and did
as Elijah had told her.**

**So there was food every day for Elijah and
for the woman and her family.**

**¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up
and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping
with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.**

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- 1. Give change a chance.**
- 2. Give to God first.**