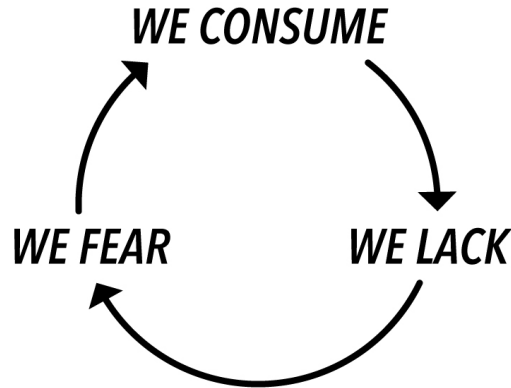


STAY POSITIVE—6
ENDING THE SCARCITY CYCLE

SCARCITY MINDSET: THERE IS NOT ENOUGH

“... You eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.” Haggai 1:6 NKJV

GOD SUPPLIES



ABUNDANCE MINDSET: THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us ... Ephesians 3:20 NASB

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it **abundantly**.” John 10:10 NASB*

**HOW DO WE INOCULATE OURSELVES
AGAINST THE SCARCITY MINDSET?**

A certain woman, the widow of one of the guild prophets, cried out to Elisha: “My husband, your servant, is dead. You know that he revered the LORD, yet now his creditor has come to take my two children into servitude.”²Elisha answered her, “What am I to do for you? Tell me what you have in the house.” She replied, “This servant of yours has nothing in the house but a jug of oil.” 2 Kings 4:1-2 NABRE

THREE PRINCIPLES OF PROVISION

1. DON'T DIMINISH WHAT YOU HAVE.

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2. GOD OFTEN DOES THE EXTRAVAGANT THROUGH WHAT SEEMS INSIGNIFICANT.

He said, “Go out, borrow vessels from all your neighbors—as many empty vessels as you can.⁴Then come back and close the door on yourself and your children; pour the oil into all the vessels, and as each is filled, set it aside.”⁵So she went out. She closed the door on herself and her children and, as they handed her the vessels, she would pour in oil. 2 Kings 4:3-5 NABRE

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10 NIV

3. GOD'S ABUNDANCE OFTEN FOLLOWS FAITH.

When all the vessels were filled, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." He answered, "There is none left." And then the oil stopped. ⁷She went and told the man of God, who said, "Go sell the oil to pay off your creditor; with what remains, you and your children can live." 2 Kings 4:6-7 NABRE

I'VE GOT THE FAITH TO POUR BECAUSE I BELONG TO THE GOD OF "MORE."

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ... ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11 NIV