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Good morning!

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

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How much do I trust God? It's a question many are asking right now. It makes us uncomfortable because we are supposed to trust Him unconditionally. Tucked away in 2 Kings 4 is the story of the widow whose sons are about to be taken away as slaves because she couldn't pay a debt. In the moment of crisis, she turns to the prophet Elisha asking for help from God. Elisha gives her an odd assignment. Go get all the containers possible from your neighbors, lock your doors, and fill the containers from your small jar of oil. It was an impossible task, right? Wrong! She filled all the jars and had some oil left over. Following God doesn't always make sense. Obeying God doesn't always follow normal conventions. The widow could have argued, but she didn't. Instead, she listened and obeyed, and God performed a miracle. What odd assignment has God given you? Will you trust that He knows best, or try and figure it out on your own?



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—Eddie Heinrich, Youth Director  
Northern California Conference



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### Escondido Adventist Academy Teacher Hosts Zoom Gathering on Sabbath Mornings for Students

When stay-at-home orders separated teachers and students, Escondido Adventist Academy's 4-5th-grade teacher Valerie Blue had an idea. "I wanted to connect with my students right away after school was dismissed long term," she said. "Our principal helped me get started on Zoom, so I invited them to our first meeting, 'Sabbath Blessings with Mrs. Blue.' We've enjoyed it ever since and have met each Sabbath." From 9:30-10:00am, teacher and students visit together, read Bible verses, share what the verses tell them about God, and share prayer requests. They then dismiss so that students can join their church's planned worships. "About 17 tune in each week," Blue said. "I ask if they want to gather on Sabbath and they all do, so I keep inviting them!"

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### Pacific Press, Signs of the Times, and Mark Finley collaborate on COVID-19 sharing magazine

In light of the dramatic impact the COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed on the world in recent months, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Signs of the Times magazine, pastor and evangelist Mark Finley, internal medicine physician Lyndi Schwartz, and registered dietitian Rebecca Barnhurst worked together to create a special Signs edition, part of its Truth Matters series.