

## DAY FOUR: CARE | Psalm 23

**“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.”**

As you read Psalm 23, what impacts you as you reflect on God’s provision and care? The Psalmist ‘paints’ this picture in our minds of a kind caretaker who plans for the provision of his flock: green pastures, quiet waters, guidance, protection, healing, and abundance. Each and every one of these blessings express the care God has for his children. It is an interesting note that the Good Shepherd does not simply remove the hunger, thirst, need for guidance, protection, and healing. Rather, he brings care to meet the need. It is actually in the presence of turmoil (vs. 5) that the blessings come. The opening verse sets the contentment in the Lord alone; knowing his care is present and coming.  
“Jesus, you are my Good Shepherd. Thank you for loving me so much as I follow.”

## DAY FIVE: PRINCIPLE | 2 Corinthians 9

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed”  
There is a principle at work in the world as it is in the Kingdom of God. Sowing and reaping understands that your harvest is contingent upon the amount you sow. This principle is obviously at work in farming – literally sowing seeds and harvesting in due season. The Apostle Paul tells the Corinthians this principle is also at work in ‘sowing’ into God’s Kingdom. Obviously, the resulting ‘crop yields’ of the harvest are still in God’s hands. But if you invest little in the Kingdom, your return will be proportional to that sowing. What are you investing in? Are you interested in seeing a Kingdom return, or are you settling for a Worldly return?  
“Lord, help me to invest in your Kingdom in every way. I desire to see a great harvest.”

## DAY SIX: ATTITUDE | Proverbs 3

**2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”**

Another aspect of God’s ‘giving principle’ is the heart of the giver. Paul says “God loves a cheerful giver.” How would you describe your giving to God’s Kingdom? Do you give cheerfully?  
The Writer of Proverbs 3 encourages his son to align everything with God’s plans and purposes. This surely includes finances!  
When our hearts and lives are in-line with God, and we joyfully give unto his work, we can trust that he will take care of us. What areas of life are you struggling with ‘cheerfully’ giving to God? Have you given him the first fruits of your time, talent, and finances?

## DAY SEVEN: THE PROVIDER | Psalm 24

**“The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains...”**

As we look to receive the overflowing provision of God, we must not lose our overflowing passion for the Provider. It is God’s love that drives him to bless us as he sees fit. We want to prosper, we even want salvation, but we are prone to set God aside and not have him as Lord over all. “The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains...” God is not limited as to how he can bless you. When we accept his love and righteousness through Jesus Christ, we “shall receive a blessing from the Lord...”  
Commit this week to accepting the Overflowing Provision of the Lord, as you submit to his Lordship and love.



## “OVERFLOWING PROVISION”

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Psalm 23:5 “You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. **My cup overflows with blessings.**”

### Matthew 14 The Feeding of the 5,000

Matthew 14:19-21 “Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!”

### Three Steps to Overflowing Provision

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Up to God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Jesus saw the huge crowd, and he had compassion on them”*

John 10:10 Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

### **God is Generous!**

Deuteronomy 10:14 “To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.”

Matthew 5:45 “Your Father in heaven...gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.”

James 1:17 “Every good and perfect gift is from God. It comes down from the Father.”

### **Generosity is the visible expression of God’s great love for us.**

1 Timothy 6:17 “God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

2. Look \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Jesus said, ‘That isn’t necessary - you feed them.’”*

Hebrews 11:1 “Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.”

“Now faith is the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality - faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].” AMP

**When what I \_\_\_\_\_ is determined by what I \_\_\_\_\_ then I will always experience OVERFLOW.**

Philippians 4:19 “My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”

Psalms 37:25-26 “I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.”

Matthew 6:33: “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

John 3:35 “The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands.”

3. \_\_\_\_\_ and follow God’s \_\_\_\_\_.  
“Bring them here,’ Jesus said.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

**If what you have is not enough to sustain you then it’s your \_\_\_\_\_, not your supply.**

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 “And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts.”

**Salvation comes with responsibilities.**

Proverbs 3:9-10 “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to **overflowing**, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

**MEMORY VERSE:** “You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. **My cup overflows with blessings.**” Psalm 23:5

## **Daily Devotional: OVERFLOWING PROVISION**

*Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of the sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your life group.*

**DAY ONE: GENEROUS** | Matthew 14

**James 1:17 “Every good and perfect gift is from God. It comes down from the Father.”**

When we think about someone, we often describe the person by his or her attributes. Whether ‘friendly,’ ‘polite,’ ‘grumpy,’ or ‘humble,’ these attributes – for better or worse – help us define and understand each other.

Through Scripture, we learn of many of God’s attributes. What are some that you have discovered about God as you read the Bible?

Generous is one of God’s many attributes that we find often in the Bible. When we consider that creating us was an unnecessary generous act, and then the many sustaining blessings that have followed, we have great proof of the generosity of our Almighty God. Spend time today thanking him for his generous attitudes toward us.

**DAY TWO: PROVISION** | 1 Kings 17

John 10:10 “Jesus said, ‘I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.’” Provision comes in many shapes and sizes. Quite often, it comes in a way that is unexpected. Both in Scripture and in our personal testimonies, these times of ‘unorthodox provision’ can challenge our faith and test our resolve. When have you faced a time of needing to hang on to God’s promises? How did God’s provision come through? The Jewish people were waiting on a Messiah to triumphantly conquer their enemies and restore Israel to its promised glory. When God’s provision for this came through Jesus Christ – living a sinless life to die for their sins – many missed it because of its ‘unorthodox’ means.

Whether God brings about provision in our lives like we expect, or not, never lose faith or hope in his abundant provision of love.

“Lord, I look to you and your love to experience an abundant life. Help me to recognize and count every blessing that comes my way no matter what shape you choose to send it to me. Amen.”

**DAY THREE: PERSPECTIVE** | Hebrews 11

**Matthew 6:33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”**

It has been said there are two types of people: those who see problems, and those who see opportunity. Which do you see? When God looked down at fallen humanity, he surely saw the problem, but he also saw the opportunity for restoration. When Jesus saw the problem of hungry people and only 5 loaves and 2 fish, he saw an opportunity for provision, teaching and bringing glory to the Father. Eyes of faith have a perspective of seeing ‘God Opportunities.’ Those Kingdom opportunities may come with leftover baskets of bread and fish, or they may only come when we walk the streets of gold, but the perspective of faith sees them coming either way.

“Change my eyes, Lord, to see opportunities for your Kingdom to prosper. Amen.”