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Provider

God is faithful to provide what we need when we need it, whether that be a meal, a friend, a job, or His very presence. The Father is good to His children.

God sees what we need

In the Old Testament Abraham calls God “Jehovah Jireh”. A name which means “God will Provide.” Names of God describe aspects of his character. God is a God who provides.

Read

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
Matt 6:31-33

What we need very badly these days is a company of Christians who are prepared to trust God as completely now as they know they must do at the last day.

-A.W. Tozer

God sees our needs. Not just our physical needs but also our spiritual, emotional and relational needs. He has provided salvation for us, as a free gift. He has provided a people to follow him with. He has provided himself to us. The bible says He will even provide the words to speak when we need them!

Trust the Father

“Craving clarity, we attempt to eliminate the risk of trusting God. Fear of the unknown path stretching ahead of us destroys childlike trust in the Father’s active goodness and unrestricted love.”

-Brennan Manning

This way of Jesus causes us to look radically different than the world. The world doesn’t know a God who provides. It’s every man for himself. If you don’t believe that, look at the toilet paper supply during the COVID pandemic of 2020! Trusting God to provide leads us to make choices that will look foolish to the world. It is an evident manifestation of our faith.

When we choose to trust the Father we are forced to confront places of fear, hopeless, and anxiety. Our independent instincts are challenged by reliance on another. We battle the stronghold our orphan spirit still has on our lives, until in full confidence we are able to cry out “Abba Father.” There is a freedom found in the life of a believer that is wholly dependent on this trust in the Father.

Putting it in action

Try this: Think of ways he has provided and thank Him for those things.

Try this: Read Psalm 23 all the way through. What stood out to you in this passage? Ask God “Why was that selection highlighted?” How is this selection of Psalm 23 relevant to a circumstance in your life?

Discussion Questions

How have you seen God provide in your life?

What area of your life does it feel hard to trust God to provide?

What are you trusting Him to provide today?

Go Deeper - Resources to develop your identity in Christ

Books

[Money, Possessions, and Eternity - Randy Alcorn](#)

[Ruthless Trust - Brennan Manning](#)

Read and Meditate on

[Psalm 23](#)

[Proverbs 3](#)

[Matt 6:19-34](#)

[2 Corinthians 9:6-15](#)