

America has been a country now for 250 years and that's something to be proud of

- We have built the most dynamic and innovative society the world has ever seen
 - Lightbulb - Assembly line – Airplane – Internet -Lifesaving miracles of modern medicine
- Didn't think the stars were possible...American footprint that left the first mark on the moon
Being an American...proud of | Our history is not a straight line of unbroken triumphs

- We have stumbled, we have argued, and we have deep scars
 - American experiment isn't perfect; constitution gave tool to build a *more* perfect union
 - Nation built on self-correction - Let us remember America is never a finished product
 - We are the stewards of a legacy bought by the courage of those who came before us
- Let us look to the next 250 years with the same audacious hope that defined 1776
- Confident our best days, greatest innovations, truest expressions of liberty are still yet
- One Nation...Under God...Happy Birthday, America – Open your bibles to...

Have you ever wondered whether God will really come through for you in a time of need?

How well do you think you do at discerning between a want and a need? Terrible at this Costco: Need = Eggs, Milk, Giant Tube of Meat | 24 Pk Deck Chairs – Pallet of Snack Pack
People get confused that God will give them everything they want vs. everything need

- Need: Whatever God determines to be genuinely necessary – God determines needs
- Want: A desire from us for something beyond what's necessary – We determine wants

Paul writes to Philippi...writing from a place of deep physical deficit—a Roman prison cell

- Yet, his tone isn't one of panic; it is a declaration of absolute confidence...meet needs
- 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

We live in a world defined by deficits...we are bombarded by warnings of shortages:

- Food, Fuel, worker shortages, microchip shortages, and depleted bank accounts
- It is easy to look at our lives and adopt a mindset of scarcity...any idea how rich we are?

Rich in Grace and Forgiveness – Identity and Purpose – Eternal Hope and Security

BI: Our needs are satisfied in Christ

Spiritual = Justification | Psychological = Adoption | Emotional = Indwelling | Relational = Church

When we break down this promise, we discover three dimensions of God's provision:

It is undeniable, it is unlimited, and it is unmatched

1. **God meets our need, and His supply is: Undeniable** — My God will supply

Paul begins with a personal and confident declaration: **“And my God will supply”**

The Provider – My God | The Promise – Will Supply

- Certainty of statement | Not say, “I hope God might help you,” or “Perhaps God will”
- This is not wishful thinking; it is settled confidence in the character of God

The phrase **“my God”** is deeply personal. Paul is speaking from experience.

Met on Damascus road, strengthened in suffering, sustained in prison, and carried him trials

Did you know there is a difference between knowing about God and knowing God?

St. Ambrose – Professor of Old Testament Theology – Hebrew – Denied the Resurrection

Paul not speaking about God he has merely studied; God he has trusted and proven faithful

Word **“supply”** means to fill up, to furnish fully, to meet completely | **God will furnish you**
Moved into a house nothing in it...then we added stuff...home | W/O Christ – Empty House

- God is not indifferent to the needs of His people - He is not distant from their burdens
- God sees – God knows – God provides

Paul is telling Philippians that the same God who has cared for him will also care for them

This promise is especially meaningful in its context

Paul writing to Philippians to thank them for their financial support while he is in prison

- The church had generously sent help to him through **Epaphroditus** (Phil. 4:18). **Paul**
 - He has learned to be content in every circumstance (4:11–13)
 - Their gift was a genuine act of Christian partnership in the gospel (4:14–16)
 - Not greedy for their money, but he rejoices because their giving will bear fruit (4:17)
 - Gift was a **“fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God”** (4:18)

Vs 19: bc faithfully cared / invested in God's work...assures them God will care for them
God taking care His people is undeniable...even when they gave sacrificially...God provided
Think of Elijah by the brook Cherith in 1 Kings 17 – Hide there during the drought

- He fed Elijah by ravens in the morning and evening...provided water from the brook
- Ravens are not known for catering meals...bread and meat...waiters uniform...thumbs
God proved that when He makes a promise, He can use any means He chooses to keep it

“I don't know how we made it through that season, but God provided.”
I don't know how the bills were paid, strength came, how the door opened,
how peace steadied my heart—but God supplied.”

Takeaway: No need of yours will fall through the cracks

- a. Trust God's faithfulness more than your feelings – Have more...Have need?
 - b. Remember past provisions as fuel for present faith – Through that...Through this!
- Do I really believe that God will provide what is necessary for me to obey Him & serve Him?

2. **God meets our need, and His supply is: Unlimited** — Every need of yours

Comprehensive language - Not promise meet some of needs...stranded in the rest...Every God does not promise supply all of our greeds, our wants, or our temporary whims...NEEDS

- Sometimes our greatest need is not money but contentment
 - Sometimes it is not escape from suffering but strength in suffering
 - Sometimes not a change in circumstances but grace to endure circumstances with joy
- God defines our needs more wisely than we do, and He supplies them perfectly

“Every” means all. Financial, emotional, spiritual strength, mental peace, physical endurance

If you need it to fulfill His purpose for your life, He will provide it

- The resources of heaven are not scarce - God's storehouse does not run dry
- His grace is not exhausted by your weakness - Mercy is not depleted by your failures
- Wisdom is not diminished by your confusion - Strength is not drained by your burdens

Unlimited – Ocean...cup in your hand - You dip the cup into water, and it fills immediately

- But no matter how many times you dip it, the ocean loses nothing – 5.6 Sextillion

Your need may be real, but God's resources are immeasurably greater

We come to Him with cups; He possesses an ocean of sufficiency

Think of Israel in the wilderness. For forty years, God fed them with manna from heaven.

Every morning, enough for the day - Next month...day...He did—again and again and again

God shows up, when we need Him, again and again...always!

Takeaway: Trust that if you don't have it yet, you don't need it yet or ever

- **“If you don't have it yet”** = God has not placed it in your hands at this moment.
- **“you don't need it yet”** = not be necessary for present assignment, growth, or season
- **“or ever”** = some things we strongly want not actually required for God's will in lives
God knows exactly what is necessary for your life, and if He has not provided something, you can trust His timing, His wisdom, and His goodness.

3. **God meets our need and His supply is: Unmatched** — According to his riches in glory

There is a major difference between giving out of riches and giving according to riches.

Billionaire hands \$10 his wealth...100M...doesn't reflect the greatness of what he possesses
But if he gives according to his riches, the gift matches the measure of his wealth...give it all
God does not give from limited reserve, but in a manner consistent with infinite abundance

- The "riches" of God refer to the fullness of all that belongs to Him
 - His power, wisdom, mercy, grace, and sovereign resources...God is never depleted
 - He never runs low. He never has to ration mercy, grace, strength, or provision

And these riches are not merely earthly riches. Paul says they are "in glory."

- This points to the heavenly, eternal, perfect fullness of God...all of Heaven
- His resources are not tied to the stock market, the economy, or human limitation

God's supply comes from treasury heaven

Fort Knox – 4,580 Metric Tons – 10.1 million lbs.- 1/2 - 1971 Gold Standard...Heaven Standard

This means God's provision is not shallow, uncertain, or temporary

He is able to provide exactly what His people need because His resources are unmatched

Our needs may be great, but God's resources are infinitely greater

Many believers focus more on the size of their need than the greatness of their God

- When bills pile up...strength runs out...wisdom seems absent...peace disappears...

Remember that God's supply is never limited by your lack

Instead of asking, "Can God provide?" ask, "Has God ever lacked anything?"

Takeaway: Stop settling for a human solution when God offers a glorious one

A human solution is our own strength, quick fixes, worldly wisdom, people's approval,
temporary relief, or outward change without heart transformation

Those things may help for a moment, but they can never do what only God can do

God doesn't just offer a bandage for your circumstances

**He offers redemption for your soul, strength for your weakness, peace for your anxiety,
holiness for your sin, and hope that reaches beyond this life**

- Don't just look for relief when God offers renewal
- Don't just seek escape when God offers transformation
- Don't just trust human ability when you can rest in divine sufficiency
- Don't settle for what is temporary when God offers what is eternal

4. **God meets our need and His supply is: Only in Christ** — In Christ Jesus

Paul ends the promise with the most important phrase of all: "in Christ Jesus."

- Foundation verse. Every blessing comes to the believer through union with Christ
- God's provision is not merely financial assistance or circumstantial help...gift of Son

The greatest need any person has is not money, health, or comfort

The greatest need is reconciliation with God

This is why His provision is unmatched...not merely hand out blessings from a distance

- He gives us Himself through His Son - Every spiritual blessing is ours in Christ
If He has met greatest need in Christ, He will not neglect your lesser needs along the way
It is only by knowing, believing, running to Christ... that every need of yours can be met
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