



DAY THREE:

Provision

Acts 4:32–37

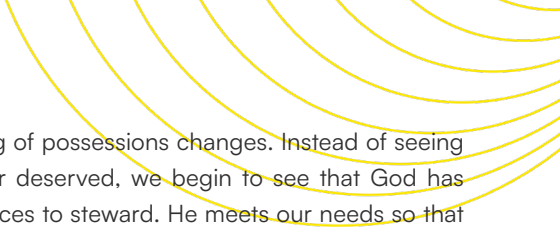
³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Additional Reading:

Luke 12:22–31; Exodus 16:4–16; Philippians 4:18–19; 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Miracles of provision are all throughout the pages of scripture, from manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16:15) to the coin in the mouth of a fish (Matthew 17:27). In fact, Jesus taught us to pray and depend on God to meet our daily needs (Luke 11:3).

When we really believe that God is our provider, it becomes easier to hold our resources with open hands.



As we grow as believers, our understanding of possessions changes. Instead of seeing what we have as things that we earned or deserved, we begin to see that God has graciously given us possessions and resources to steward. He meets our needs so that we can be a blessing and meet the needs of others. What I have been given by God isn't only for me but for the good of my brothers and sisters around me, the family of God.

In a family, everything more or less belongs to everyone. Sure, you may not share your toothbrush or socks, but it's rare that one sibling owns the couch and another owns the chair or that the parents tell their kids to ask before using the dining table. The family has those things "in common," much like the believers in Acts 4.

The miracle in this passage, that there "was not a needy person among them" (Acts 4:34), seems rather unremarkable. There's no rush of wind, no angels, no shaking meeting place, but in a sense, that's what makes it so extraordinary. This generosity makes them stand out against the culture around them—in a city where providing for others wasn't the norm, their generosity is a powerful demonstration of Christ's supernatural love and provision.

Each of us can evoke an environment like this when we live a Spirit-filled life. An outcome of the grace of God being "upon you" (Acts 4:33) is radical generosity. God will supernaturally provide for us to meet our needs, the needs of others, and to advance his kingdom.

Has there ever been a time that God has provided supernaturally for you? What was that experience?

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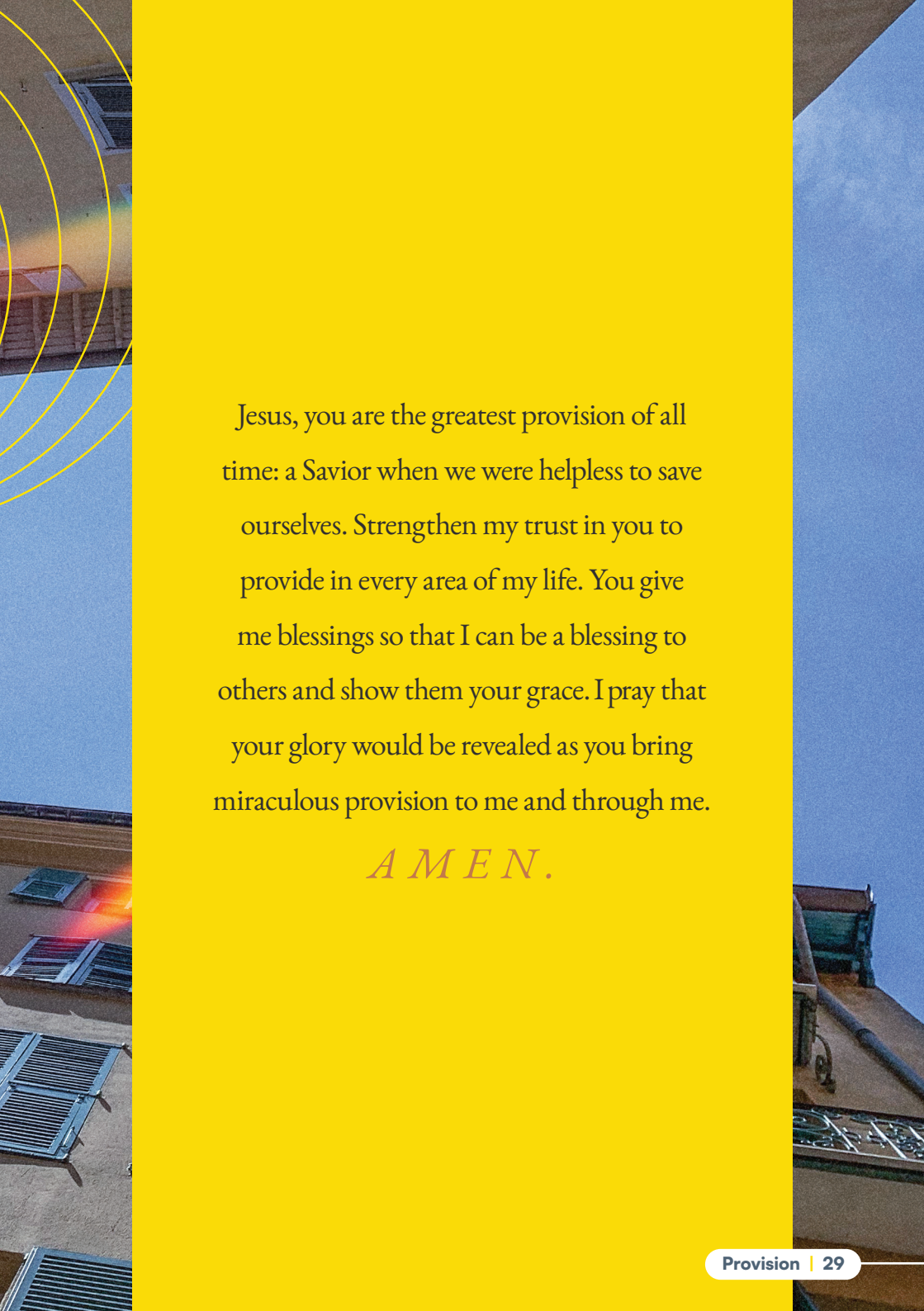
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How differently would you live if you had absolute confidence that God would provide everything you need?

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Jesus, you are the greatest provision of all time: a Savior when we were helpless to save ourselves. Strengthen my trust in you to provide in every area of my life. You give me blessings so that I can be a blessing to others and show them your grace. I pray that your glory would be revealed as you bring miraculous provision to me and through me.

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