



Sermon Series: Real Faith for Real Life

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Who do I trust to take care of me?

In **Philippians 4:19**, Paul promises that God will supply every need we have from his riches in Christ Jesus. With housing, food, and health care eating up our paychecks, that promise matters. But this isn't ultimately about money - it's about trust. Money is just where trust gets tested most clearly. When trusting God is our starting point, we can overcome anxiety, give cheerfully, give generously, and even accept a challenge.

TRUST GOD INSTEAD OF FEARING THE FUTURE

In **Matthew 6:25-34**, Jesus tells us not to be anxious about what we'll eat, drink, or wear. The birds don't plant or harvest, yet our Father feeds them. If God cares for them, how much more will he care for us? Worry can't add a single hour to our lives (**Matthew 6:27**). Instead, we seek first his kingdom, and he adds what we need (**Matthew 6:33**).

Jesus doesn't promise a trouble-free life (**Matthew 6:34**), but trust means knowing God holds tomorrow and knows what we need. We can stop carrying responsibilities that belong to God.

With God as my provider, I don't have to live in anxiety. It's easy to call God my provider when I'm asking him for something - harder when He asks me to give.

TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO GIVE WHAT HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU

In **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**, Paul says whoever sows sparingly reaps sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully reaps bountifully. We give as we've decided in our hearts - not reluctantly or under pressure, because God loves a cheerful giver (**2 Corinthians 9:7**). And God supplies all we need for every good work.

The key is the heart: am I giving out of duty or devotion? God cares not only about what leaves my bank account, but about what's happening in my heart while it leaves. Two people can give the same amount, and God sees two different acts of worship. One says, "I have to." The other says, "I get to." With God as my provider I can give cheerfully.

TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO SEE HIM MULTIPLY.

In **2 Corinthians 9:10-11**, Paul says the God who supplies seed to the sower will multiply our seed and increase the harvest of our righteousness. It all starts with God our provider.

God doesn't just give seed to consume; he gives seed to sow. So ask, "What has God given me to multiply for others?" And the harvest isn't a bigger bank account - it's thanksgiving to God. Generosity means giving above and beyond, trusting we'll be provided for. With God as my provider I can give generously.

TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO PUT HIM FIRST

Proverbs 3:9-10 calls us to honor the Lord with the firstfruits of our wealth. God doesn't bless us to raise our standard of living; he blesses us to raise our standard of giving.

God gives us a practical way to put him first and break money's hold: the tithe - the first 10% of all we take in. In **Malachi 3:10-11**, God invites his people to bring the full tithe and test him, promising provision and protection they can't manufacture themselves. Christians differ on how the tithe applies today, but we see it as a biblical starting point. It's never a formula, though - "If I give God ten dollars, He owes me twenty" treats God like a vending machine. We give out of devotion, so the next generation keeps growing in Christ.

So, who do you trust to take care of you? Here's the challenge: what would trusting God look like over the next 90 days? If you've never tithed, take the 90-day tithe challenge. If you already give faithfully, ask how you can grow through increased giving or serving in our mission field of Northern New Jersey. Trust changes what I fear. Trust changes how I give. Trust changes what comes first. Trust changes whom I serve. As we trust him, may we keep growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus (**2 Peter 3:18**).

Discussion Questions

- 1. Jesus says worry can't add a single hour to our lives. Where does financial worry tend to show up for you, and what would trusting God with it look like?**
- 2. What's the difference between giving out of duty and giving out of devotion? Which better describes your giving right now?**
- 3. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 says the harvest of generosity is thanksgiving to God. How does that change the way you think about why we give?**
- 4. "God doesn't bless us to raise our standard of living; he blesses us to raise our standard of giving." What makes that hard to live out?**
- 5. What would trusting God look like for you over the next 90 days - in your giving, your serving, or both?**