God Sustains US Grace Under Fire - (# 3) September 10, 2023 OPENING SCRIPTURE: Psalm 55:1-23 KEY VERSE: Psalm 55:22 TEXT: 1 Kings 17:1-16 KEY VERSE: Psalm 55:22

Psalm 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

God's answer and provision is always bigger than the need.

1) God Directs Us _____.

2) God Does _____.

3) God Works Through _____.

4) The Answer Is After _____.

TEXT: 1 Kings 17:1-16

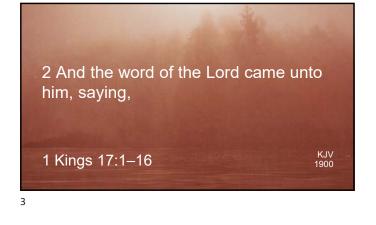
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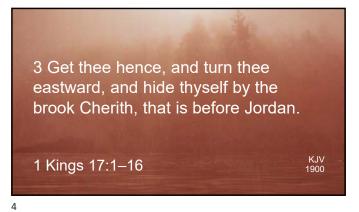
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4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

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5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

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6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

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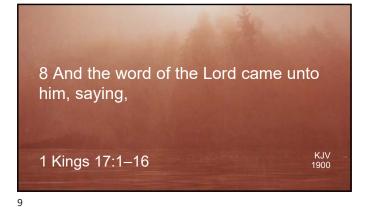
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7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

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9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

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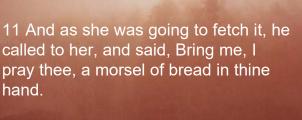
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10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

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12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

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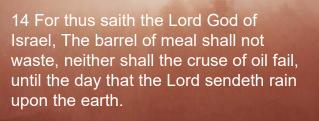
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13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

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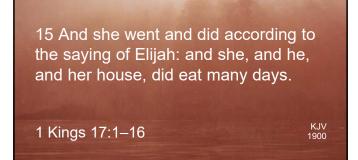
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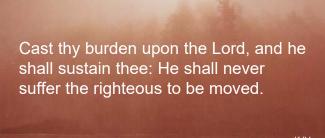


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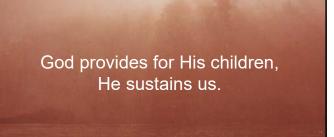




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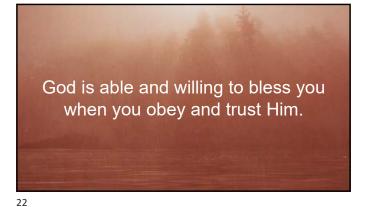
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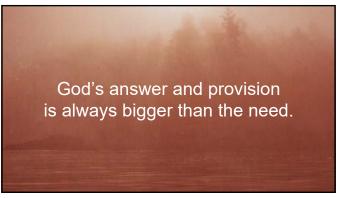




Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Jeremiah 33:3

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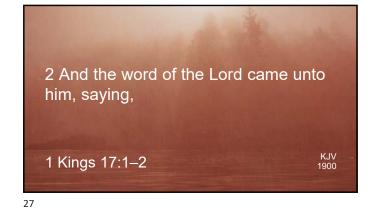


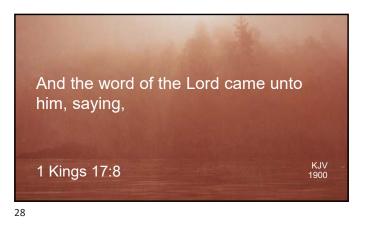


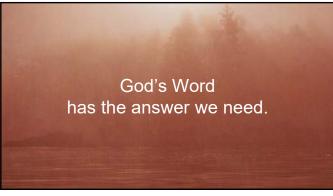
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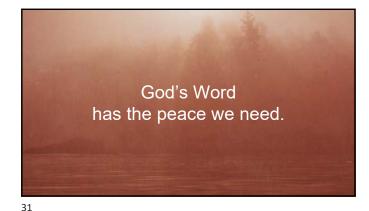
And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, When ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21

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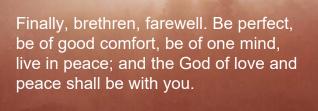


Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on thee: Because he trusteth in thee.

| Isaiah 26:3 | KJV 1900 |
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2 Corinthians 13:11
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6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

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Philippians 4:6–7
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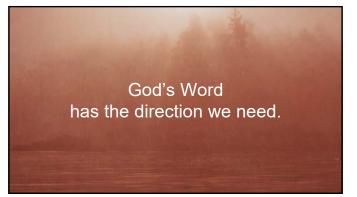
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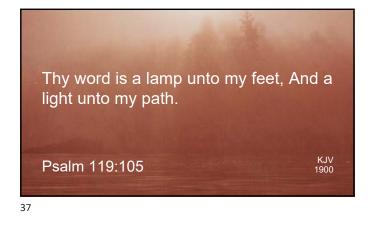
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7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6–7

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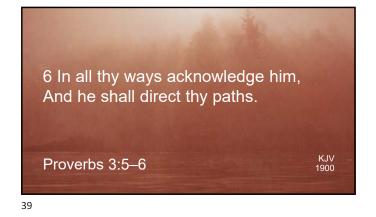




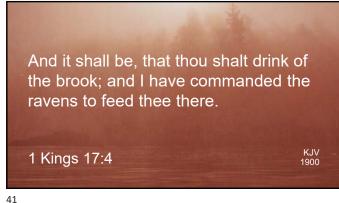
5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding.

| Proverbs 3:5–6 | KJV 1900 |
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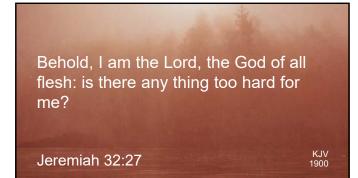






When you are in the place where there is nothing you can do but trust in God, then you are in the right place.

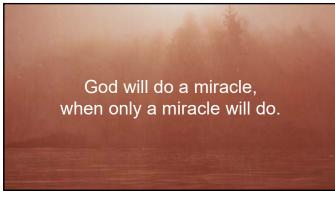
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1) God Directs Us <u>By His Word</u>.

- 2) God Does Miracles.
- 3) God Works Through <u>Obedient People</u>.

Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

1 Kings 17:9

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Jesus obeyed His Father.

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

If you want God to use you,

you must be obedient.

John 12:49–50

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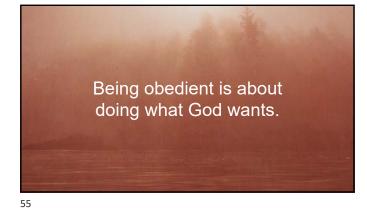
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50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

John 12:49-50

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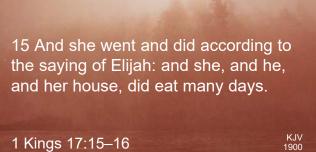




When God shows you what He wants you to do, be faithful in doing it.

1) God Directs Us By His Word.

- 2) God Does Miracles.
- 3) God Works Through Obedient People.
- 4) The Answer Is After The Faith.



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1 Kings 17:15–16
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16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail. according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

1 Kings 17:15–16

Only after you take the step of faith, do you receive the answer from God.

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5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

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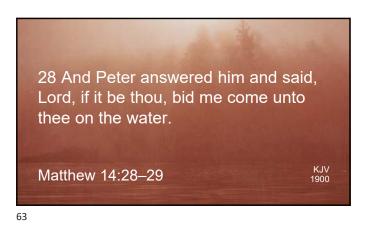
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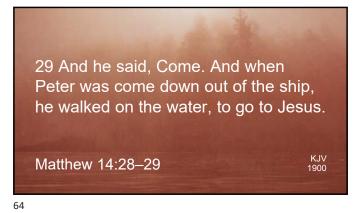
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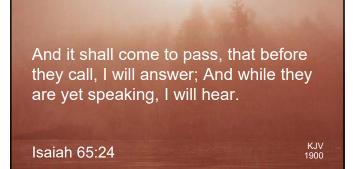
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What answer, what breakthrough, what miracle is waiting for you, just the other side of your step of faith?

God's answer is ready, He is waiting for us to ask, believe, and obey, so we can receive. 11

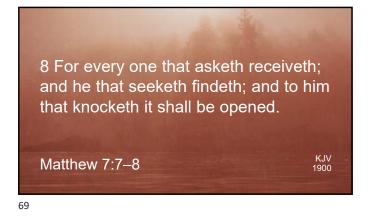


7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

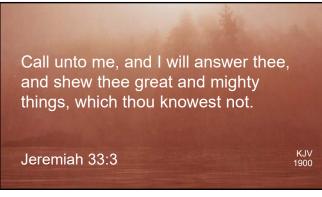
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1) God Directs Us <u>By His Word</u>.

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- 2) God Does Miracles.
- 3) God Works Through <u>Obedient People</u>.

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4) The Answer Is After <u>The Faith</u>.

