

Open It!

Share a time when you were in need and how God provided for you.

Read It!

1 Kings 17:2-24

Discuss It!

How did God initially provide for Elijah during a time of drought (17:2-6)?

If you were Elijah, what thoughts would you have had as the brook dried up (17:7)?

What is unbelievable about God's plan to provide for Elijah (17:8-9; Luke 4:25-26)?

What role did faith play for Elijah and the widow in order to experience God's provision (17:10-16)?

What was the next test of faith for the widow and for Elijah (17:17-21)?

What did Elijah learn (17:21-22; James 5:16-18)?

What did the widow learn (17:24)?

What is the relationship between God's word and His provision (17:2, 8, 14, 16)?

What has God promised and commanded you and me (Matthew 6:24-34)? What does faith require of you?

Live It!

Trust and Obey

Share What You Have

Life Is Better Together

Caring Together

Acts 2:44 and 4:32 – 5:10

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Sermon Proposition

Caring for Each Other Is Better Together

God Made Us for This 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

¹² *Just as the body is one and has many members...so it is with Christ.*

¹⁸ *God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.*

²⁵ *that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.*

1 Corinthians 12:12, 18, 25 (ESV)

Example of the Jerusalem Church (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35)

The Opportunities for Each of Us

God Is Our Supplier 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV)

Example of Macedonian Churches (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

Example of Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37)

Example of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

God Is Our Provider Matthew 6:25-34

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.

Matthew 6:31–33 (ESV)

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. All that we have—our homes, our resources, our time, our very breath—belongs to You. You have entrusted us with much, not merely for our personal enjoyment, but so that we might reflect Your generous heart. Lord, as the early church shared everything in unity and love, teach us to hold loosely to what we possess, and to hold tightly to one another in faith, hope, and love.

Guard our hearts from selfishness, greed, deceit and pride. For we are members of this body—arranged by Your hand to meet needs, to lift burdens, and to build up the body of Christ. Help us to live generously, to be faithful stewards of what You've placed in our hands. Make us generous, make us humble, make us one.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.