

# Small Group Discussion Guide

*The Promise of His Provision: For the week of May 17 - 23, 2020*

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## Main Thoughts and Scriptures:

### Philippians 4:10-19 NIV

*"...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup>I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (v. 11-13)*

While imprisoned for preaching the gospel, the Apostle Paul shared the secret to contentment no matter the circumstances: **draw your strength from God.**

*"Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles... <sup>16</sup>for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account... They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." (v. 14, 16-19)*

He thanked the church in Philippi for their generosity in helping him and affirmed **God's promise to meet all of their needs** as a result.

**The lesson:** You can't out give God. God gives US strength to thrive in any circumstance and promises to provide for us as we are generous towards the needs of others.

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NIV)*

### Discussion Question Options *(choose those that apply):*

- What stands out to you from the main thought and scriptures above and why?
- Have you ever experienced God giving you strength in the midst of a crisis? What happened and what did you learn?
- Have you ever experienced God's miraculous provision as you were generous to serving the needs of others? What happened and what did you learn?
- How can you be generous towards serving the needs of others during this crisis?

### Prayer:

- Pray for one another that God will meet our needs as we trust in Him.
- Pray for opportunities to meet the needs of others during this crisis.