21 PAYS OF AVER

DAY 10 GOD PROMISES AN ENDLESS SUPPLY

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KEY SCRIPTURE

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"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."

Everyone has needs. I have needs. You have needs. I have heard of people borrowing many different things, money, cars, tools but have you ever heard of borrowing someone else's needs? Of course not, you have enough of your own! Let's think about them right now. A need is something necessary, important and essential. Put them in a row, a long row. Needs for your body, needs for your soul, needs for your family, needs for the present, needs for the future and needs for eternity. Your needs are as many as the minutes in the day or the hairs on your head.

Where do needs come from? They are like black holes always consuming and never satisfied. They seem to grow and they crave attention! Needs are a part of our daily life. How do we cope? How do we manage the daily barrage?

God tells us a story about how He is very willing and able to supply our needs. He can supply them better than we can think or imagine. It is the story of a poor widow. She was unable to

pay the debts that her husband had accrued before he died and now the creditor was coming for payment. The creditor was going to take her sons as payment if she could not pay off the debt. This lady was desperate. Very desperate. What does she do? She searches out God's representative. What does he do? He asks her what she has, and she replies, "just a small jar of oil". He tells her to go and borrow containers as many as she can find and then pour out the oil filling the containers. "Go to your friends, go to your neighbours", he says. Once she has collected the containers God honoured her obedience. As she pours the little oil she has left into the bigger container the bigger container is filled right to the top! She goes to the next container and starts to pour. Soon each container is filled! This story is found in 2 Kings Chapter 4. I hope you take time to read it and remind yourself how good God is and how much He cares whenever you feel overwhelmed by what you are facing.

Having faith in God and a relationship with Him is the first and greatest need we have. If you want God to meet your needs, you need to believe what He says in His Word. I often repeat this to myself "you can't outgive God". Be generous with others, be generous with your words, your time, your talents, and be generous with your resources. God's Word talks about tithing, and I am a firm believer in tithing, giving to God the first 10th of my financial resources and then offerings above that amount. God does not need our money but tests us to know that He can trust us with resources to further His kingdom. A great book on this if you are interested is "The Blessed Life" by Robert Morris (I give it as a wedding gift to couples I marry). God wants to bless you. He will meet your needs according to His riches (and He owns everything). Trust God to meet your needs; spiritual, emotional and physical.

REFLECTIONS

Take a moment to reflect and pray on these truths:

- God is love and God is generous.
- God's generosity gave us Jesus Christ (the greatest gift He could give).
- Generosity makes an impact in the natural world and the supernatural world.
- ► You can't outgive God.

PRAYER

Father thank you that you gave the greatest gift you could give when you gave your son Jesus Christ to die for me. You are my Lord, my counsellor, my guide, my encourager. Thank you that you care about my needs and help me to trust you to meet my needs in every circumstance. May I choose to be generous with you and with others in every area of my life. In Jesus' name, amen.