



Remember God Is Your Source

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

God is our source! Jobs, education, skills, relationships, and other resources can support us, but they should never take the place of God as the One we depend on. Through the stories of Isaac and Elijah, we see that God's provision is not limited by difficult circumstances, economic conditions, or the resources immediately available to us. Trusting God requires calls for consistent prayer, obedience, and a life rooted in His Word. God may direct us to a new place, action, or season where His provision is waiting. Our responsibility is to listen, obey, and trust Him even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

- Genesis 26:1, 12–13 Isaac sows during a famine, reaps a hundredfold, and continues to prosper because of the Lord.
- 1 Kings 17:1–16 God gives Elijah specific instructions about where to go and how He will provide for him, first at the brook Cherith and then through a widow in Zarephath. Elijah's encounter with the widow, whose flour and oil continue to provide during the famine.

GOD IS YOUR SOURCE, NOT YOUR RESOURCES

Our jobs, intelligence, education, talents, and relationships can be valuable resources, but they are not the ultimate source of our provision. When a resource changes or disappears, God remains faithful. We are challenged to trust Him above the things we can see and control.

1. What is the difference between believing God is one source among many and truly depending on Him as your primary source? How might that difference show up in your everyday decisions?
2. Think about the resources you currently depend on most, such as your job, finances, abilities, or relationships. How can something that is a blessing become something we rely on more than God? What signs might reveal that this is happening?
3. Isaac sowed during a famine, and Elijah received provision in an unexpected way. What do these stories teach us about trusting God when our circumstances seem uncertain? What makes that kind of trust difficult?
4. God may allow a supply channel to change so we recognize where our provision truly comes from. Have you ever experienced a season when something you depended on changed or became unavailable? What did that season teach you about your dependence on God?

BUILD A LIFESTYLE OF FAITH, PRAYER, AND OBEDIENCE

Developing spiritual habits before difficult seasons arrive through consistent prayer, learning God's Word, and obeying His direction help us build a foundation we can stand on when life becomes uncertain. The story of Elijah also shows that God's instructions may involve movement or change. Elijah had to go where God directed him because the provision God had commanded was waiting there.





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1. What does it look like to build a consistent prayer life when things are going well, rather than waiting until something goes wrong? What habits help you stay connected to God?
2. Elijah received instructions from God, but he still had to act on them. Why can obedience be difficult when we do not fully understand the direction God is giving us? How can we distinguish between moving in faith and acting impulsively?
3. God's Word brings order into areas of chaos. Choose an area such as your thoughts, relationships, emotions, or decisions. How could intentionally studying and applying what Scripture says help you bring that area into greater alignment with God?

TRUST GOD'S PROVISION AND FIND THE PLACE YOU BELONG

God can prepare provision and purpose before we recognize our need for them. Just as Elijah had to follow God's direction, we must remain willing to move in obedience and trust that God knows what we need. The pastor also emphasizes that God made places before people. We should seek where God is calling us to grow, contribute, and become planted. Trusting God as our source also means not expecting other people or circumstances to fulfill a role that belongs to Him alone.

1. When the brook dried up, God gave Elijah a new instruction rather than leaving him without direction. What can we learn from this about responding when a familiar season ends or something we once relied on is no longer available?
2. "There is a place for you." How does that challenge the feeling of being overlooked, out of place, or uncertain about your purpose? What might it look like to seek where God wants you to become planted and contribute?
3. People and relationships cannot serve as our ultimate source of joy, peace, or security. Why is it important to let God meet those deepest needs? How can we appreciate people without expecting them to fulfill where God is supposed to?

CLOSING

God is our source, even when the resources around us change. Trusting God involves more than believing He will meet our needs. It means developing consistent spiritual habits, learning His Word, listening for His direction, and obeying even when we cannot see the outcome. When a familiar source dries up, we can trust God to guide us toward what comes next. Don't confuse the resource with the source. Stay rooted in God's Word, remain faithful in prayer, and be willing to follow His direction.

GROUP CHALLENGE: "SOURCE CHECK"

1. Identify your resources. Give everyone a minute to write down three things they currently rely on for security or stability, such as a job, savings, a relationship, or personal abilities.
2. Reflect on your source. Ask everyone to consider: If one of these resources changed tomorrow, how would I respond? Would I immediately turn to fear, or would I turn to God for wisdom and direction?





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3. Pray together. Pray for one another to trust God in uncertain seasons, recognize His direction, and remain faithful regardless of changing circumstances.

As a group, declare: "God is our source. Our circumstances may change, but our trust in Him remains."

PERSONAL CHALLENGE: "STAY CONNECTED TO THE SOURCE"

Practice intentionally placing God first in your daily life.

- Spend time in prayer before becoming absorbed in the day's responsibilities. Thank Him!
- Choose a Scripture referenced in this message and reflect on what it teaches you about God's provision, faithfulness, or direction.
- Identify step you believe you need to take. Pray for wisdom, evaluate it carefully, and act when you have clarity.
- Ask yourself, "Where did I depend on God today, and where did I try to control everything myself?"

At your next group meeting, share one moment when you chose to trust God instead of allowing your circumstances to dictate your response.

