

## WHEN PIGS FLY MIRACLE OF PROVISION

Talk to you about: **The Miracle of God's Provision!**

Like **most people**—Money can be tight—Right?

Might be single parent on limited income raising multiple kids  
More month than money.

**Six-figure** income (Still struggle)—Income strong—Expenses high.  
College debt—Medical bills—Insurance—Braces—Kids' activities: **Tight**

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Countless examples scripture those who feared they didn't have enough.

- **IN EVERY STORY OF NEED, THERE IS A MIRACLE OF PROVISION.**

Thousands hungry people hillside. Jesus says, You feed them.  
Disciples—*But we only have five loaves and two fish!*

Multiplied and had food left over. (12 baskets—Doggie bag)

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Prophet Elisha talking widow—Scared for future. Asks her  
What do you have? *I don't have anything—small jar of olive oil.*

Asked her to pour—As long she had containers—Oil kept flowing.

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Bread from Heaven—Meat Ravens—Giant Fish rescue drowning man.

**In every story of need—There is a miracle provision.**

**Provided great teacher and pastor: Intro your local pastor.**

## Express honor

Story: The Lord will provide—Lord provided—Devil paid the bill.

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<sup>19</sup> *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.* Phil 4:19

God is the giver of all good things—Provides abundantly!  
Important to notice—God meets your **needs**—Doesn't meet all **wants**.

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Difference between what **we need** and what **we want**.

- Need clothes—Want designer handbag or Nike Air Jordans.
- Need rest—Want vacation all-inclusive resort by the ocean.
- Need shelter—Want granite countertops, wood floors, 4k television, 3 car garage for my 2 cars & boat that I'm praying for. (Amen)

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## THREE PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROVISION

### 1) WHEN GOD **GUIDES**, HE ALWAYS **PROVIDES**.

<sup>11</sup> *The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land.* Isa 58:11

God doesn't provide for all **your dreams**  
He provides for **his will, his plans or your life**.

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Someone might think, "God's not coming through for me!"  
House payment—Car payment—Vacation—Still paying off Xmas (2014)

Recognize—Maybe God met your **NEEDS**—You spent it on **WANTS**.  
His provision isn't a **get-out-of-jail free-card** for our **stupid decisions**.

But the good news is—When God directs you—He provides for you.

Example from the Bible:

Abraham—if remember, more than anything else, **wanted a son**.  
For years—he & Sarah—prayed, waited, prayed, waited some more.

God finally gives him son—Raising his boy!  
God puts Abraham to the test: **Take your son to mountain—Sacrifice him.**

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Walking to mountain—Little boy, “Daddy—where’s sacrifice?”

<sup>8</sup> *Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb...” Gen 22:8*

They reach top of mountain—Abraham courageously  
obeys God and ties his son to the altar—Raises knife...

Angel appears, “Do not lay a hand on the boy—I know you fear God.”

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<sup>13</sup> *Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide.*  
Gen 22:13

Abraham was living his life fixed on the will of God.  
How many times are we living fixated on our lack?

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If we **pursue his will**—his **provision will follow**.  
Personal story from campus or you: Risked adopt, Start business, etc.

**Remember: When God directs your steps  
he always puts provision in your path.**

When God guides—God always provides.

## 2) GOD MIRACULOUSLY MULTIPLES WHAT IS GIVEN.

Sometimes God does it all: Sending a fish save Jonah—Bread heaven.  
Sometimes God wants build your faith—Invites you to be part of miracle.

What does he do? He asks you to give—then **he multiplies** what you give.

- When did God multiply the widow's oil? When she started pouring it.
- When did God multiply the loaves and fishes? When boy gave lunch.
- When did Abraham become father nations? Offered 1<sup>st</sup> only son.

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Don't want this to come across like prosperity gospel.  
You give \$100 and God gives you a luxury BMW—PRAISE GAWD.

We do need to recognize that scripture is clear  
God. Miraculously. Multiplies. What. Is. Given.

*<sup>10</sup> This generous God who supplies abundant seed for the farmer, which becomes bread for our meals, is even more extravagant toward you. First he supplies every need, plus more. Then he multiplies the seed as you sow it... 2 Cor 9:10 TPT*

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This principle goes all the way back **to the tithe**. (predates law/today)

One of the best ways we acknowledge the Lord is our provider  
Is by worshipping him every time he gives us increase.

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**What is the tithe?** Returning to God 10% of what he trusts to us.  
The tithe is his anyway. Scripture says it belongs to him.

**10%—No way!** God said—If you don't believe me—**Put me to the test**.  
Test me in this. See if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven...

Your tithe story—Miracle 90% goes further.

God multiplies what is given—Story of God's faithfulness to our church.

Our church was struggling financially—Give resources away!  
That was the seed that God multiplied—**Miracle!**

God's story of provision for our church is a **miracle!**

- 100% debt free
- Investing with extravagant generosity in our communities.
- Giving hundreds of thousands of resources to churches worldwide
- Spreading God's Word to hundreds of millions through YV B App
- And planting new LifeChurches in cities across the nation!
- All the way to our campus... **Story.**

All because—God multiplies what you gave!

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God multiplies what we give.  
In every story of need—there is a miracle of provision.

**Back to Pastor Craig.**

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What do we know?

**1) When God guides, he always provides.**

If we pursue his will—his provision will follow.

**When God directs your steps, he always puts provision in your path.**

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**2) God miraculously multiplies what is given.**

What you keep is all you have. But what you give, God multiplies.

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### 3) YOU MIGHT BE A PART OF GOD'S MIRACLE PROVISION.

*<sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor 9:11*

Someone India—Saved church online—Thanks God because you gave.  
Someone's marriage at new LC campus saved—Thank God cuz you gave.  
Someone can't pay mortgage—Need met—Thanks God cuz you gave.  
Someone gets bible in own language—Thanks God—because you gave.

(Real story)

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Fear asks—What if I run out?

Faith asks—What do I have to give?

Fear says—I don't have enough.

Faith says—My God is more than enough.

Fear says—I can't afford to tithe.

Faith says—90% with God's blessings goes further than 100% w/o.

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And God will meet every need—according to his riches and glory.  
Sometimes he will miraculously meet a need through you.