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*“My God shall supply all your needs. . .”*  
Philippians 4:19a

“I need . . .” I think these words too often. What is on your list of “needs”? Most of us are so blessed, we jump over food and shelter to “needs” like health and stuff. But what do I, what do we, really need? As health and strength diminish, I increasingly realize that my greatest need is God Himself. I desperately need Christ’s saving grace. I desperately need God’s daily grace.

God’s grace, richly supplied through my Redeemer Jesus is more than enough to pay the debt I cannot pay—the cost of all my sins. But that lavish gift is not the end of the riches Christ Jesus gives His own. Saving grace opens the treasure of God’s presence within us, the indwelling of His Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9). “If the Spirit of Christ dwells in you, you have eternal life and know blessed fellowship in prayer” (C. O. Rosenius in *Romans: A Devotional Commentary*, p. 102). God’s children have unblocked access to cry out to God.

I find myself increasingly crying, “I need You, Father”:

- *Abba, I need You*, as blood spurts from my son’s thumb and we drive to the emergency room.
- *Abba, I need help*. How do we move to a new home without strength to lift boxes?
- *Abba, I need You*, as I wrestle fear waiting in the car for my first oncology appointment.

With each of those cries, God assured me of His presence through the provision of His Word and through the tangible provision of His people, especially my church family. Each person who ministered to me could have justified inaction due to their own suffering. Despite their needs, they chose to meet mine. That outpouring of love assured me of God’s presence and His steadfast love. My greatest need, God’s presence, is often manifested through His people as they sacrificially provide for the temporal needs of others. God’s Spirit empowers the generosity of His people.

The Christians in Philippi took care of Paul, even while experiencing suffering, need (Philippians 1:29) and sin (4:2-3). In Philippians 4, Paul thanks the Philippi church for providing for him “in his affliction.” Then he assures them that **“my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”** (4:19). When God empowers His people to meet the needs of others, Christ is visible, and in Christ, we will always have everything we need.

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