

God Will Provide

*And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19

Yes, God *will* and He *does* supply all of our needs! We know that. But it is always refreshing to hear stories of *how* our Lord provides—like the student who shared with me recently how God provided in such a surprising way for him to return for a second year of study at our Free Lutheran Bible College. Someone he had not even met heard his testimony and was stirred to generously help with his tuition. Again and again, we see how our Lord loves to use His people to meet the needs of others.

So often we become consumed with our own personal needs. They can't be ignored. That's why Jesus taught His disciples to look to the Father to provide what we need each day: "Give us this day our daily bread." We leave it with Him to supply.

Paul certainly had some pressing needs as he awaited trial in Rome. He was on trial for the sake of the Gospel—for proclaiming the truth about Jesus as God's only way of salvation. But even as he writes this "prison epistle," his demeanor is one of amazing joy and contentment. God was, in fact, working things out and meeting Paul's needs. Consider how he wraps up his letter:

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Philippians 4:14–20, ESV)

The apostle reassures his brothers and sisters that our Father is well aware of their needs as well as His own. And His supply will never run dry. It is "according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." On behalf of our AFLC Schools, thank you for partnering with us through your faithful prayers and support.

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