JESUS AT THE CENTER OF PRAYER

Provision Message 4

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A. Introduction (Matthew 6:11)

B. How God provides:

1. God wants us to _____ for help. (Matthew 7:9-11; James 4:2)

-•	(Exodus 16:4, 17-18; Matthew 6:11, 34)		
3.	God wants us to	that He will	
	provide daily.		
	(Exodus 16:19-20; Matthew 4	:3; Luke 11:10)	

day at a time

Answers: B.1. ask 2. one 3. believe

2 God provides

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Digging Deeper – Week 4 Provision

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/groups</u>.

Focus

This week our focus is on...

"Give us today the food we need," Matthew 6:11 (NLT)

Open

How has your prayer life changed over the last few weeks?

Pray

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Connect

Watch this week's video*, then use the following questions for reflection and conversation. Consider these Scriptures as you study and reflect: Exodus 17:9-11; Colossians 1:16-17; 2 Peter 1:1-8.

- 1. What stood out to you from the video? Did anything specific catch your attention?
- 2. What's the difference between the phrases *pray before you say* and *say before you pray*?
- 3. When was the last time you felt like God was enough?
- 4. How often do you feel a deep sense of dependence on God?
- 5. Share a time God spoke to you.
- 6. What are the basic needs God satisfies for you every day for which you're thankful?
- 7. List 10 things for which you're most thankful. Spend time thanking God together.
- 8. What burdens are you carrying that you wish someone knew about?
- 9. Do you feel free to ask God for help, or do you feel like you're bothering God—that He must have more important things to do than care for you? Explain.

- 10. Praying daily reminds us that God is the one who provides. Does the rhythm of your life include regular prayer? How can you strengthen an ongoing practice of prayer?
- 11. How are you a person of both *prayer* and *action*?
- 12. How might having a solid confidence that God will provide what you need change how you pray?

Guided Prayer

Identify the *daily bread* that each member of the group needs. Have each person pray for the person on their right.

Daily Devotional

Spend time with God each day with the Daily Devotional. Available on the Brookwood App.

Memory Verse

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Exodus 16:4 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: Philippians 4:19
Day 2: Matthew 11:28-30
Day 3: Psalm 37:4
Day 5: Psalm 29:11
Day 6: Philippians 1:6
Day 7: John 14:25-26

Day 4: 2 Peter 1:3-4

Pray for Next Sunday

- 1. Pray that Brookwood is a church that believes in a provision gospel.
- 2. Pray that people trust God to provide one day at a time.
- 3. Pray that people believe God will provide daily for our physical and spiritual needs.

 $^{*\ \}textit{Video resources can be found with each Message by visiting } \textbf{\textit{brookwoodchurch.org/media}.}$



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