

## ***How God Provides For Our Needs***

### ***Part 3***

***“<sup>17</sup> One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." (Luke 5:17-20)***

In the above mentioned miracle, Jesus crowned with success the good service of those men who carried the paralytic to Him. Jesus healed the paralytic when He saw the faith of those men who carried that sick person.

Their faith was accompanied and manifested by actions. They took the initiative to carry the man. They were not selfish to care only about themselves but they showed kindness and they persevere to bring him right in front of Jesus. Even they were forced to go to the roof and to lower him on his mat through the tiles. Their faith motivated them to obey and to show a genuine love to the Lord and to that sick man. Their sincere faith motivated them to put God first and serve Him by bringing people to Him to heal them.

And as they put God first they witnessed the great miracle of God's healing in the life of that paralytic man. And if the Lord had healed that man, then how much He will do more in the life of those people who were carrying Him? Surely God would bless and reward such kind of people who put him first and endeavour to serve Him and do His will. As you start to put your faith into action then you will witness the great provision of God in your life, in the life of your family, and in the life of your ministry.

From the above miracle we can conclude the following:

- 1- God will use what you have to provide for your needs.
- 2- God will provide for you and supply your needs, and you will enjoy God's provision when sincere faith is living in you. In many places Jesus pointed out to the people who were approaching Him that their faith in Him made the difference as you can read in the following scriptural examples:

***A- "Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment." (Matthew 9:22).***

***B- "Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." (Matthew 9:29).***

***C- "Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment." (Matthew 15:28).***

***D- "He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." (Mark 5:34).***

***E- "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road." (Mark 10:52).***

***F- "Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:50).***

***G- "Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." (Luke 8:48).***

***H- "Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:19).***

***I- "Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." (Luke 18:42).***

Another important story that we can learn how God would provide our needs is from the life of King David and how God enabled him to face Goliath, killing him and wined the battle. God uses the following to provide for David a great victory:

- 1- God used what was available around David. Simply the following was the arsenal of David, ***"Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine." (1Samuel 17:40)*** For God to provide for your needs to win the battle He will use whatever resources available in your hand.
- 2- God will use whatever you know from skills to win the battle and solve your problem, ***"Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God." (1Samuel 17:36)*** God used the skills and the experience of David being a shepherd of his father's sheep. Whatever skill you know or you have God will use to provide for you and solve your problem.
- 3- God will use your obedient and genuine faith to solve your problem: ***"David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." (1Samuel 17:45)*** David had genuine faith that was shown as full obedience to God to go forward and face the giant. Every day when you wake up there is a challenging giant waiting for you to face. Life had struggle and problems to be solved and what you need for that is God's presence in your life. Your faith, your obedience and your full trust in God will bring the victory into your life and in easy way.

***My Dear and Beloved: <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)*** as you agree to pray.

***My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I humble myself into your hands. Lord I ask you to forgive me my lack of faith and obedience unto you. Lord I am willing to put my faith into practice and start to serve you from this day on. Lord sustain me, protect me and provide for me. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.***