

## DAY 3: TRUSTING THE SOURCE

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When it comes to areas of our lives where we like to see stability, I would think that our job, our bank account, and our health are probably the top three items. But sometimes, on these three things we tend to look to them *for* stability by placing huge amounts of trust and assurance on them. I can even find evidence of this from my typical morning ritual; where I pray, read my Word, and then check my bank account and the messages related to my job before I even meditate on what the scriptures I just read are saying to me! On the surface it seems like I'm just getting my bearings for the day. But possibly, I'm actually entertaining a competition between things that are trying to assert themselves as my source.

Have you ever had feelings that put your job as the number one priority? Have you made decisions where the money involved is the deciding factor? Do you find yourself making statements such as "my health is the most important thing"? Well, my friend, those are all actions and statements where you could be implying who and what the source of your life is. The issue is all those things are subject to come to an end, but there's One that will never end.

The Apostle Paul, in Philippians 4:19 shows us who is our real source. He writes that God "shall SUPPLY ALL your need according to HIS riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This means that whether we get promoted or get fired, we can remain productive because the job is not the source. Through moments of financial wealth or lean times, we can still be cared for because money is not the source. In times of physical or mental wellness or illness, we can still have healing because our source isn't the doctor. Our sustainability will always be in Him; through whom every living thing was created and is maintained (Nehemiah 9:6). This is why Paul can boldly say whether he's in abundance or lack, he remains joyfully content (Philippians 4:11-12), because he's clearly identified Who his source is and is determined to live by Him alone. Will you decide today to acknowledge the only true source in Jesus? I believe you will!

**Prayer:** Wonderful and Loving Father; we thank You for being an all-supplying God. We repent for putting things before You as if they give us what we need when Jesus told us to ask You for our daily bread that You give us freely. So now, we decide to live from every word that comes from You. We thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit that helps us in all things. We trust You as our source, and we display that trust by being obedient to Your word, by loving our neighbor as we love ourselves, and by loving You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Help us to always remember that all good and perfect gifts come from You. And as You continue to love and provide for us, we will be careful to acknowledge Your all-sustaining presence. In Jesus Name, Amen!

**Scripture Readings:** Philippians 4:19, Nehemiah 9:6, Philippians 4:11-12

Thought Questions:

What are some things that are competing for your attention as the source of your life? How will you address them moving forward?

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