

# SERMON

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**Introduction:** Good morning, church! Today, we're going to focus on something every one of us has struggled with at some point in life—learning how to trust in God's timing and provision. When we find ourselves in difficult circumstances, like financial struggles or overwhelming burdens, it's tempting to think that we must handle things on our own. But the scriptures we're diving into today, *Philippians 4:19* and *Proverbs 3:5-6*, remind us of God's faithfulness and His call for us to lean on Him fully, trusting that He will provide for all our needs.

### Scripture Focus: Philippians 4:19 & Proverbs 3:5-6

Let's read **Philippians 4:19** together:

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

And now **Proverbs 3:5-6**:

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."*

These two verses are like bookends, one showing the abundant provision God promises to give us, and the other encouraging us to trust Him completely—even when we don't understand the details.

### Point 1: God's Provision is Based on His Riches, Not Ours

The first truth we draw from *Philippians 4:19* is that **God is our Provider**. And here's the key—it's not based on what we have or what we lack, but according to **His riches** in glory. It's easy to get

overwhelmed by financial stress or burdens that seem far beyond what we can handle. You might be facing a situation right now where you're thinking, "There's no way out. I don't have the resources, the income, or the options."

But let's pause and reflect—*God's provision isn't limited by our circumstances*. The Bible tells us that God's resources are boundless! His riches in glory are unlimited. He is never constrained by the same limitations we face. What does that mean for us? It means that even when we are financially stretched, God sees and knows exactly what we need.

I've personally seen God provide in my life in ways I couldn't have predicted or understood at the time. There were moments when I thought I knew what I needed to get through a tough situation, but God, in His infinite wisdom, provided in unexpected ways—ways that were far better than anything I could have planned. Sometimes, we expect God to meet our needs in a very specific way, but He often goes beyond what we imagine, providing in ways that bless us not just temporarily but long term.

## **Point 2: Trusting God with All Your Heart, Even When It Doesn't Make Sense**

Now let's look at *Proverbs 3:5-6*. This is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible, and for good reason. It offers us the foundation of **how** to approach our relationship with God, especially in times of uncertainty: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."

Here's the thing: **our understanding is limited**, and our natural reaction when facing financial stress or life challenges is to figure out how to fix things ourselves. We play out all kinds of scenarios,

and before we know it, we're overwhelmed by "what ifs" and worst-case outcomes. But God is asking something radical of us—He's asking us to **trust Him completely**. Not halfway. Not with just part of our heart, but **all** of it.

When the Bible says, "Lean not on your own understanding," it's teaching us something crucial: **our understanding is not enough**. In fact, it can often be flawed. Have you ever looked back on a difficult time and realized that what you thought was the best solution wasn't actually the best at all? God sees the big picture, and He is already working things out in ways we can't even begin to see.

Trusting God with all your heart means releasing control. It means giving up the need to understand every step of the process and instead acknowledging that God is in control. This doesn't mean we stop making wise decisions, but it does mean we stop obsessing over outcomes that are out of our hands.

### **Point 3: God's Timing is Perfect, Even When It Feels Delayed**

Here's where we often struggle: **God's timing rarely matches ours**. We live in a culture of immediacy, where waiting feels like failure. But God doesn't operate on our human timelines. He is outside of time, and His timing is perfect, even when it feels delayed to us.

In the waiting period—when we're praying for provision or a solution and it doesn't seem to come right away—God is still working. That's where faith comes in. **Faith isn't just believing that God will act, but trusting Him in the waiting**. There's often a purpose in the delay. Sometimes God is using that time to prepare us for what's ahead, or perhaps He's working out details we can't yet see.

Imagine standing at the edge of the Red Sea like the Israelites, with the enemy behind and seemingly no way forward. It felt like God was too late, but we know that God parted the waters *at just the right moment*. The same is true for us—**God’s breakthrough will come at the right time**, even if it’s not according to our schedule.

#### **Point 4: Releasing Fear and Anxiety**

Financial struggles are one of the biggest sources of anxiety, sleepless nights, and stress in our lives. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t just promise to meet our needs—He also promises **peace**. When we trust Him fully, we don’t have to carry the burden of anxiety. *Philippians 4:6-7* tells us to be anxious for nothing, but to present our requests to God, and His peace will guard our hearts and minds.

Releasing fear is an act of faith. It’s not that our circumstances magically change overnight, but that we begin to see them differently. God’s peace allows us to walk through tough times without being overwhelmed by worry. **Peace is a byproduct of trust**—the more we trust in God’s timing and provision, the less room there is for anxiety.

#### **Conclusion: Trusting God as Your Provider Today**

As we close, I want to encourage you: **God sees you, He knows your needs, and He is faithful to provide**. You don’t have to figure it all out. Lean into Him fully, trusting Him not just with your finances, but with your heart, your mind, and your future.

Remember, He’s the God who parted seas, provided manna in the wilderness, and fed the five thousand with a few loaves and fish. He

is still the same God today, and He will meet your needs according to His riches, not yours. His timing is perfect, and His peace is available to you even now.

Let's pray together:

*Father, we come before You acknowledging that we need You. In our struggles, our financial stresses, and our burdens, we trust You. Help us release our fears, trusting in Your timing and provision. We believe that You are working things out behind the scenes, even when we can't see it. Strengthen our faith and give us Your peace as we wait on You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

May you walk in faith, trusting that God's provision and timing are perfect. Amen.