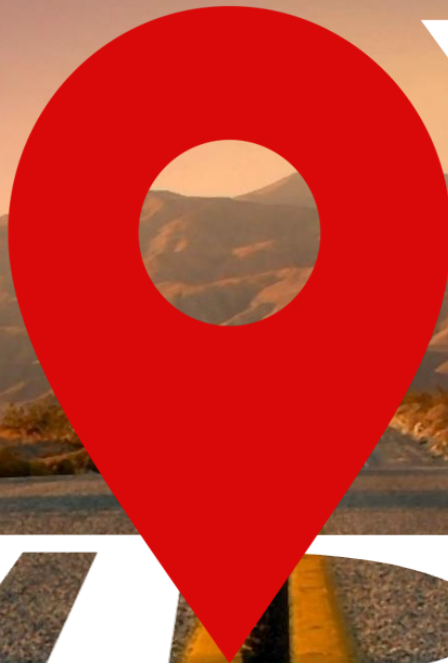


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**TRIP**

**A ROAD TRIP THROUGH PHILIPPIANS**

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The road is never easy if you  
carry the load by yourself.  
The ease comes only when we  
accept God's invitation to take on  
our burdens.

## **Matthew 11:28-30**

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.

## **Matthew 11:29-30 (The Message)**

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out...? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.

## Philippians 4:10-20

<sup>10</sup> How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. <sup>11</sup> Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup> I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. <sup>13</sup> For I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength. <sup>14</sup> Even so, you have done well to share with me

## Philippians 3:1-9

in my present difficulty. <sup>15</sup> As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. <sup>16</sup> Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. <sup>17</sup> I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. <sup>18</sup> At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a

## Philippians 3:1-9

sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.



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One of the most valuable lessons you will ever learn in your journey with Jesus is that He is all you need.

## Vs. 11-13

Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup> I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. <sup>13</sup> For I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.

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IN SPITE OF MY CIRCUMSTANCE

Contentment comes from  
your internal condition, not  
from your external situation.

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# IN SPITE OF MY CIRCUMSTANCE

**Matthew 6:26**

**Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?**

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IN SPITE OF MY CIRCUMSTANCE

We spend more time  
worrying about what we  
DON'T HAVE, than we do  
focusing on what we DO  
HAVE in Christ.

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# IN SPITE OF MY CIRCUMSTANCE

**Matthew 6:30**

**And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?**

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IN SPITE OF MY CIRCUMSTANCE

You need to know that God's  
willingness to provide for you  
isn't dependent on anything  
but His deep love for you.

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## Vs. 15-17

As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. <sup>16</sup> Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. <sup>17</sup> I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.

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WHEN WE ARE POSITIVE

We are learning to live  
like Jesus, when we are  
generous despite our  
own needs.

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# WHEN I LIVE IN GENEROSITY

## Hebrews 13:16

And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

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WHEN YOUR GENEROSITY

Your generosity towards others should be a response to God's love and grace towards you.

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# WHEN I LIVE IN GENEROSITY

## **1 Corinthians 9:11-12**

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

## Vs. 18-19

At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

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# WHEN I'M FULLY DEPENDENT ON GOD

We have become too dependent on the American dream to give us what we want, instead of being dependent on God to give us what we need.

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# WHEN I'M FULLY DEPENDENT ON GOD

## Hebrews 13:5

...be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."

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# WHEN I'M FULLY DEPENDENT ON GOD

**Vs. 19**

And this same **God** who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches...

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# WHEN I'M FULLY DEPENDENT ON GOD

When you take God at His word, it becomes less about trusting His provision and more about trusting in His character.

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As you continue on your journey with Jesus, please remember that JOY is always accessible to you if you're willing to trust God for it.

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