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A 31-Day Gratitude Journey
Through the Names of God

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JEHOVAH JIREH: THE LORD WHO PROVIDES

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DAY 1 — JEHOVAH JIREH

The Lord Will Provide (Or: When the Math Ain't Mathing)

"And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, 'In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'" — Genesis 22:14 (NKJV)

Scripture References: Genesis 22:14; Philippians 4:19; 1 Kings 17:2-6; 2 Kings 4:1-7

Where will it come from? No, seriously, where? You've done the budget. You've cut the extras. You've canceled subscriptions you forgot you had. You've stretched every dollar until it filed a complaint. And still it doesn't add up. The math ain't mathing. The needs are pressing. And your bank account is giving "thoughts and prayers" energy.

But consider this: God has never been limited by your bank account. He's never looked at your situation and said, "Wow, I didn't see that coming." He's never been caught off guard by your need because He saw it before you did. And He prepared the answer before you even knew there was a question. God reveals Himself as Jehovah Jireh, the Lord Will Provide. This isn't just a nice name on a church banner. This is a declaration that the God of the universe is personally, intentionally, and proactively involved in your provision.

The Hebrew word "Jireh" comes from "ra'ah" (H7200), which means to see, but not just to observe casually, like scrolling past someone's prayer request on social media. It means to see with intention, to perceive a need, and to ACT on it. God doesn't just notice your situation; He prepares the solution before you even arrive at the moment of need. He's not reactive. He's proactive. He sees around corners you haven't turned yet.

This connects directly to the cross because it always connects to the cross: Jehovah Jireh provided the ultimate sacrifice. On a mountain called Moriah, God provided a ram for Abraham. Centuries later, on that same mountain range, God provided THE Lamb, Jesus Christ, for the entire world. Paul, writing from a prison cell, not a penthouse, put it this way: "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19, NKJV). Not according to your paycheck. Not according to the economy. According to HIS riches. That's a completely different budget. And God's budget has never had a deficit.

THE NAME: JEHOVAH JIREH ()

Strong's Concordance: H3070 (Jehovah) + H7200 (Jireh)

Pronunciation: Yeh-ho-VAH Yir-EH

Root Word: Ra'ah (ראה) — to see, to perceive, to provide

Meaning: “The Lord Will Provide” or “The Lord Will See To It”

Synonyms: The Provider. The Supplier. The Sustainer. The Source. The Giver. The Foreseer. The One Who Sees Ahead.

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATION #1: THE WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH — WHEN PROVISION REQUIRES PARTICIPATION

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16 | Cross References: Luke 4:25-26; Hebrews 11:6; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

There was a severe drought in Israel. No rain. No crops. No food. People were starving. And in the middle of this crisis, God sent the prophet Elijah to a widow in Zarephath, a Gentile woman living in enemy territory.

When Elijah arrived, he found her gathering sticks, not for cooking dinner, but for preparing to die. She had just enough flour and oil to make one last meal for herself and her son. After that, they would starve.

Elijah walked up to this desperate, dying woman and made an outrageous request: "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink" (1 Kings 17:10, NKJV). She agreed. But then he added something that must have sounded insane: "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand" (1 Kings 17:11, NKJV).

The widow explained her situation: "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die" (1 Kings 17:12, NKJV).

Translation: "I'm about to make my last meal. After this, we're done. There's nothing left."

And Elijah said something that required impossible faith: "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth'" (1 Kings 17:13-14, NKJV).

Wait. WHAT? You want me to give you my LAST meal? The meal that's supposed to keep my son and me alive one more day? You want me to give it to YOU first and trust that somehow, miraculously, there will be more? That's not faith. That's foolishness. That's financial suicide. But the widow did it. She took what little she had, gave it to the prophet first, and trusted that God would provide.

And here's what happened: "So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah" (1 Kings 17:15-16, NKJV). Every day, she reached into that bin expecting it to be empty. Every day, there was flour. Every day, she poured from that jar expecting it to run dry. Every day, there was oil. Not a warehouse full. Not a year's supply. Just enough for that day. And the next day. And the next.

Jehovah Jireh provided, but the provision required participation.

INTERNAL (The Struggle):

How can I give when I barely have enough for myself? God is asking me to be generous, to sow seed, to give sacrificially, but I'm already running on empty. What if I give and there's nothing left? What if I obey and end up with less than I started with?

OUTCOME (What Happened):

The widow discovered that Jehovah Jireh's provision often requires you to give in obedience BEFORE you receive. She didn't see the miracle until AFTER she gave her last meal to the prophet. God didn't fill her bin before she obeyed; He filled it BECAUSE she obeyed. Provision followed obedience, not the other way around.

TRUTH (The Takeaway):

Jehovah Jireh's provision often requires your participation. He doesn't just drop blessings from the sky while you sit and wait. He invites you into partnership, gives what you have, and watches Him multiply it. The lie says, "I'll give when I have more." The truth says, "I'll have more when I give."

JOURNAL PROMPTS

1. What is God asking me to give that I'm holding back because I'm afraid there won't be enough left for me?

2. Can I trust that when I give in obedience, Jehovah Jireh will provide more than enough?

3. What would change in my life if I truly believed that God's provision multiplies when I give, not when I hoard?

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATION #2: THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000 — WHEN SMALL BECOMES MORE THAN ENOUGH

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21 | Cross References: John 6:1-14; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17

Jesus had just received devastating news: His cousin John the Baptist had been beheaded by King Herod. Grieving and exhausted, Jesus withdrew by boat to a deserted place to be alone. But the crowds followed Him on foot from the cities, thousands of people desperate for healing, teaching, and hope. When Jesus saw them, He didn't send them away. Despite His own grief, He had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to Jesus with a practical problem: "Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food" (Matthew 14:15, NKJV). But Jesus said something that must have sounded insane: "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat" (Matthew 14:16, NKJV).

Wait. WHAT? US? Give THEM something to eat? There are over 5,000 men here, not counting women and children. That's easily 15,000–20,000 people. The disciples did a quick inventory: "We have here only five loaves and two fish" (Matthew 14:17, NKJV). Five small barley loaves, the kind poor people ate. Two small fish, probably dried, meant for one person's meal. That's it. That's all they had.

And Jesus said, "Bring them here to Me" (Matthew 14:18, NKJV). He didn't say "Go find more." He didn't say "This isn't enough." He said, "Bring Me what you have." Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to distribute. And here's what happened: "So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained" (Matthew 14:20–21, NKJV). Everyone ate. Not just a little snack to hold them over; they were FILLED. Satisfied. Full. And there were TWELVE BASKETS of leftovers. More than they started with. Jehovah Jireh took what looked impossibly small and multiplied it into more than enough.

TRUTH (The Takeaway):

Jehovah Jireh specializes in multiplying small offerings. What looks insufficient in your hands becomes more than enough in His. Stop focusing on what you DON'T

have and start bringing Him what you DO have. The lie says, "What I have is too small to make a difference." The truth says, "What I have becomes MORE than enough when I give it to Jehovah Jireh."

JOURNAL PROMPTS

1. What "five loaves and two fish" do I have that I'm afraid to offer because it seems too small?

2. Can I trust that what looks insufficient in my hands becomes more than enough in God's hands?

MODERN-DAY ILLUSTRATION: THE APPROVAL THEY SAID YOU WOULDN'T GET

Scripture: Psalm 5:12; Proverbs 3:3-4; Philippians 4:19

You needed a car. Not a want, a need. So you did what responsible adults do: you checked your credit score before you did anything else. And your credit score looked back at you like it owed YOU an apology.

In prayer, you clearly heard the Holy Spirit direct you to apply. This surely was a trick of the Enemy, but there was a strong feeling that you could not shake that this was what you should do.

But you applied anyway, half out of desperation, half out of faith. And then the call came: "Congratulations. You're approved." Wait, come again? Because on paper, this should not have happened. The algorithm said no. And yet, approved. Not because you found a loophole. Because favor showed up where math couldn't.

"Surely, Lord, You will bless the righteous; You will surround them with Your favor as with a shield" (Psalm 5:12, NKJV). Notice the word: SURROUND. Not "maybe favor." Surround, like it wraps all the way around you, so wherever the "no" was trying to come from, it ran straight into a "yes" it wasn't expecting. That's Jehovah Jireh working.

TRUTH (The Takeaway):

God's favor can override what your file says about you. Your credit score doesn't get the final word, Jehovah Jireh does. The lie says, "you don't qualify." The truth says, "God already vouched for you before you ever sat down at that desk."

SIGNATURE GRATITUDE PRAYER

Jehovah Jireh, The Lord Who Provides,

Thank You for revealing Yourself to me as Jehovah Jireh, the God who sees my need before I even ask and provides exactly what I need, exactly when I need it.

Like the widow of Zarephath, I choose to give in obedience even when it doesn't make sense. I trust that when I release what's in my hand, You will multiply it beyond what I can imagine.

Like the disciples with five loaves and two fish, I bring You what I have even when it looks impossibly small. I trust that what looks insufficient in my hands becomes more than enough in Yours.

Today, I learned that You are not reactive, You are proactive. I release my anxiety about what I don't have. I release the lie that says "there's not enough." I release the fear that says "God has forgotten me."

I refuse to live in fear, anxiety, or worry about provision. You are Jehovah Jireh, the Lord Will Provide. Not might. Not maybe. WILL.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

CLOSING DECLARATIONS

Speak these truths over your life. Say them out loud.

☐ Jehovah Jireh is my provider; I will not worry about what He has already handled.

☐ God's provision is always on time, even when it feels late to me.

☐ I will obey before I see the provision, because faith comes before sight.

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