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### OVERVIEW

Life comes at us with many challenges. However, we have good news. God's love will help us conquer hardship.

#### **Scripture Passage**

Romans 8:35–37 (NKJV)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Matthew 6:28–34 (NKJV)

"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

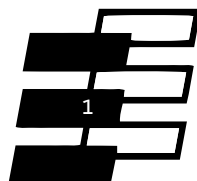
"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Psalms 34:10 (NKJV)

The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

### EDUCATE

Have you ever been working on a project on a deadline and then realize you don't have enough of the supplies that you need? You find yourself going back to the store late at night, frustrated, just so you can stay up until the wee hours of the morning to race your deadline. (Teacher Note: Tell a story along these lines. Keep it lighthearted and fun!)



It's not fun to not have enough. It leads to all sorts of worry and stress. Scripture makes it clear, however, that even when we experience lack, God provides us a way to overcome!

**Point 1: God is the answer to anything we lack.**

Have you ever worried that you didn't have enough? Whether it was enough money or friends or love or energy, it can feel scary to feel like you don't have enough. Tonight, Scripture is going to show us how God's love is the answer to anything that we lack!

Even if we're hungry or naked, like Scripture says, we are more than conquerors because of the love of God (Romans 8:35–37). In His love, God provides for every need we have!

**Point 2: Seek God first, and He takes care of the rest.**

What does this mean for us today? You don't have to worry about your needs being met in life. God will always meet your needs. When you worry about His Kingdom, building His church, and living in His love, He will meet all of your needs.

When you seek God's Kingdom, He takes care of the rest! It's not our job to worry about today or tomorrow; that's God's job. It's our job to worry about building His Kingdom and seeking His righteousness.

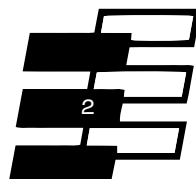
God takes care of the lilies of the field. He makes them beautiful, knowing that they will just die tomorrow and are of no eternal value. You, on the other hand, are of immense value. God will always take care of your needs!

What are some of the things that you worry about that you need to simply hand over over to God? He knows all of your needs. He has made you a conqueror. You simply need to trust Him.

**Point 3: Trust in God opens the door for God's provision.**

When you seek God, you will lack no good thing! Lions are the king of the jungle. They can typically provide or hunt for whatever they need, but even lions in all their power still go hungry. In your human strength, you will undoubtedly encounter lack, but when you put your trust in God, He will provide everything you need!

Share a time in your own life when you worried you wouldn't have enough of something, but God provided for you. Our application is to seek God and trust Him to provide for you.



### ENGAGE

Are you someone who worries about today or tomorrow? I want to challenge you to seek God harder than you ever have. In His love, He will provide you with everything you need. He longs to satisfy the deepest needs in your soul so that you can conquer any challenge before you!

1. Has God ever provided what you needed just in time?
2. What does it look like practically to trust God to provide for you?
3. What would your life look like if you let go of worry and let God take care of all of your needs?

