

“The Lord Provides”

The Lord is very fond of using what appears to be very meager resources to accomplish wondrous things. Let's consider a single okra seed as one of countless examples. As an okra gardener I know that one single okra seed goes a long, long way. From that single seed a plant springs forth and produces up to 30 okra pods. Each pod contains 30 to 100 seeds. This is God's marvelous multiplication at work, and these hot summer days I'm in the okra garden daily harvesting up a storm.

The Lord Jesus also demonstrated this same divine multiplication process when He fed the multitudes. He did so on at least two occasions recorded in the Gospels. (Matthew 14 and 15) He used very modest resources – just a few fish and a few loaves – to satisfy thousands of hungry people. What miracles!

Through His miraculous ability to accomplish great things through what appeared to be severely meager resources He teaches us many lessons. He teaches us He is all-knowing, ever-compassionate, always resourceful, and continually faithful.

His same wondrous multiplication process is at work today in meeting (and surpassing!) your needs and mine. Oh, we may occasionally have doubts about His abilities and His care; doubts can arise, can't they? Nevertheless, He promises, “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10)

Your heavenly Father faithfully carries out His promises to care for you. He continues to do wondrous things through what may appear to us to be very modest, even inadequate, resources. He is faithful in providing to us daily bread – one way or another.

The Lord is also wondrously at work through you in delivering His care. He would have you take great comfort in the many ways He faithfully brings His rich blessings through you to others. He does so faithfully through what may appear to be very modest means. It may be the brief word of encouragement you share with a friend that proves to be one of the most cherished moments in their entire life. Or it may be the few brief minutes you listen, or the times you were simply at their side, or the moments you gently put them in mind of God's love for them.

Do not underestimate what the Lord is doing through you this very day. Take comfort in His partnership with you. Go forth as His gift to others. Rest assured that His miraculous multiplication of resources doesn't just occur in the okra garden. His wondrous care also occurs through you and your seemingly modest words, actions, presence, and moments. Enjoy!

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