

## SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE

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**SONG:** “THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS”

**PRAYER:** AS THE SPIRIT LEADS

**SCRIPTURE:** PHILIPPIANS 4:19

**MEDITATION:** “GOD’S BLESSINGS: ABUNDANT AND INEXHAUSTIBLE”

Going to the grocery store these days is often a trip of discovery. I say discovery because the cost to put food on our tables has been rising toward what seems to be a goal to reach the moon. A close analysis of packaging labels, in most instances, reflects less product in the container, while there is no reduction in price. Another discovery is the significant increase in the cost of the basic ingredients needed to put a well-balanced meal on the table.

The grocery store is not the only place where we are paying more for our purchases. Our utilities, clothing, cleaning products, office supplies, and yes, gasoline have all increased significantly. These cost increases, in most cases, are the result of supply and demand. The supply of resources needed to produce these items has been negatively impacted by many global events. Some over which man had no control such as COVID-19 and the world-wide closures necessitated by this virus. Others have been the result of man’s lack of responsible control, such as actions or inactions that have led to climate change.

Recently, as I was reflecting on my grocery store and gasoline station experiences, I thought about God’s blessings. I thought about how He had and continues to supply my needs. Then the following questions popped up in my brain: What if God’s blessings were limited? What if He only had enough breath to give each of us a portion of what we need? What if too many individuals had the same need and there were not enough blessings to go around? After tossing around these “what if” questions, I quickly dismissed them. I dismissed them because I knew and know God’s blessings are never impacted by demand. He knows the individual needs of His children, and has an endless supply of gifts to bestow on each one of us. We never have to worry about the possibility of Him running out of blessings. His blessings/gifts are abundant and inexhaustible.

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, our Jehovah Jireh, thank you for your never ending blessings and gifts from above. Please forgive us when we neglect to acknowledge that every good and perfect gift comes from You. When we become anxious over life’s circumstances, please let your Holy Spirit remind us that we can turn to you for a peace that passes all understanding. These things we ask in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.