

**THE POINT:**  
*We can trust God to meet  
our needs.*

**OVERVIEW:** Our tendency is to live by what we can see. We believe what we can touch. We're confident when what we need is right in front of us. But life does not always hand us easy answers and solutions. A life in Christ is a life of trust—trusting Him to provide what we need, even when we don't readily see the answer. Abraham showed us that God truly is our Provider.

**Directions:** As you begin your event, consider using the following engage options before starting the message.

## ATMOSPHERE

Place objects around the room or create a slide show representing what students would see as basic needs (food, clothing, etc.). Say, **"God promises to provide for us and we can trust His promises to meet our needs."**

## MEDIA

Search the Internet for "Trust Sermon Illustration Young Adult." Play the video as you begin the session. Say, **"God calls us to depend on Him and trust in His promises. We can have faith He will always come through."**

## TEACH (MAKE YOUR NOTES BELOW)

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## PREPARE

Because God owns it all, anything we're given comes from Him, and in Jesus, we have provision for our greatest, spiritual need.

### 1. BE CONTENT IN ALL SITUATIONS

*Philippians 4:10-14*

- A.** The Philippian church had, years before, supported Paul in his ministry.
- B.** Since then, Paul had experienced many, many victories, as well as a lot of suffering (see 2 Cor. 11:16-33).
- C.** Because God provides strength, Paul learned to be content in all things.

### 2. GOD PROVIDES THROUGH OTHERS

*Philippians 4:15-18*

- A.** The church didn't always have the means, but now they're again supporting Paul.
- B.** Paul was thankful, not that their giving would make him comfortable or even more effective, but that they were storing for themselves treasure in heaven.
- C.** Paul was now well supplied to accomplish the purposes God had for him.

### 3. GOD PROVIDES FOR ALL OUR NEEDS

*Philippians 4:19*

- A.** It is God who ultimately provides all we have.
- B.** God owns it all and He has plenty to give.
- C.** Jesus is the answer to our greatest need.

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**Directions:** Use the following outline as a guide for a message based on the passages from this session of Bible Studies for Life: Students. Additionally, use the suggested illustrations and activities to customize your midweek event.

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## INTRO

- ▶ **When have you needed support in life?**
- ▶ **How does the world view contentment?**
- ▶ **How has someone else helped provide for you in a time of need?**

## PHILIPPIANS 4:10-14

- ▶ **Why do you think the Philippian church chose to support Paul?**
- ▶ **How could you be more content in life?**
- ▶ **Why does God call us to be content in all situations?**

## PHILIPPIANS 4:15-18

- ▶ **How does God use people to provide for others?**
- ▶ **What does it mean to store up treasures in heaven?**
- ▶ **How can God use you to provide for someone?**

## PHILIPPIANS 4:19

- ▶ **What needs has God met in your life?**
- ▶ **What can you do to give back to God?**
- ▶ **How can you better rely on God to provide for you?**

## LIVE IT OUT

**Discuss:** Ask students to briefly discuss ideas that may have challenged them during the session.

**Ask:** How would God call you to use your resources for kingdom purposes?

**Pray:** Ask God to help students rely on Him for provision and strengthen their desire to support others.