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UNLEASHED: Releasing God's Glorious Power in and Through You

Session 5: Living in Abundance

GOALS

Main Idea: Relying on God as the ultimate source, rather than on yourself or your own resources.

Head Change: To shift your mindset from self-reliance to fully acknowledging God as the ultimate source of all provision, authority, and purpose in your life.

Heart Change: To encourage having a heart filled with humility, gratitude, and trust in God as the ultimate provider.

Life Change: To become centered on serving in God's kingdom, living in obedience, demonstrating generosity, and dependent on God as your ultimate source.

OPEN

Imagine that you were house-sitting for someone who had an amazing home. How would you remind yourself that the home is not actually yours?

VIDEO TAKE-AWAY

- i. Believers in Christ or merely Stewards of God's resources.
- ii. Recognizing God's rule unlocks his kingdom blessings and provision.
- iii. Avoiding pride and entitlement comes through remembering that everything comes from God and belongs to Him.
- iv. Obedience to God's rule brings divine favor, comfort, and satisfaction.
- v. Believers are called to serve others and glorify God by using His resources for His purposes.

DISCUSS

1. How does the illustration of being a passenger versus being the conductor reveal the two ways that believers approach God when it comes to who is in control of their lives?
2. Read **Psalm 24:1**. How should understanding that everything belongs to God change the way you view your resources in this world?

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;" (NIV)

3. Reflect on **Deuteronomy 8:10–18**. What warnings and reminders do God give about forgetting Him as the source of all blessings? How does this apply to your life?

"¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe

his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.” (NIV)

4. Read **Matthew 5:3–12**. How do the Beatitudes reveal the blessings of living under God’s kingdom rule? Which one resonate the most with you right now?

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (NIV)

5. How should viewing yourself as a steward, rather than an owner, impact your attitude when it comes to extending generosity and serving others?

REFLECT

Complete the following activity before watching the next session.

Read: Read 1 Chronicles 29:10–14. How do David’s words illustrate the proper perspective you should take when it comes to recognizing God as the ultimate source?

Write: Write one way you are relying on yourself rather than God as your ultimate source.

Pray: Ask the Lord to help you release everything that you are clinging to too tightly. Pray that he would help you recognize that he is Lord of all when you are tempted to take ownership.