

PRAYER

- ## NOTES

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A Charge to Trust

WEEK 3

- Growing up, who did you think was the most powerful in your family or community? Why?
- To be considered wealthy, what do you think a person should have or own? Why?
- Recall a time when you didn't heed a warning. What happened?

DEUTERONOMY 8:18

For forty years, the Israelites depended completely on God for their survival. But as they were about to enter the land He had promised, Moses told them that God would give them the *power to get wealth*. They may or may not have understood what this meant, but Moses assured them that it would happen because it was part of God's covenant with their forefathers. Before they even experienced this and entered the Promised Land, Moses charged them to keep trusting God, who gives the *power to get wealth*. They were to trust Him, not their own ability or the provision itself. Today, we will look at three truths about trusting God for provision.

1 | We are not to rely on our own power, but on God.

"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'" **DEUTERONOMY 8:17**

Everything the Israelites had in the wilderness and would have in the Promised Land was from God. This provision was based on His power and ability. Moses assured them that there would be abundance in the land God was bringing them into (Deuteronomy 8:12–13), but warned them not to believe it was their own power that had brought them wealth and abundant resources. They were to put their trust in God, who gave them this power. We, too, should fix our eyes on our Provider, not our own strength and power. When all our needs are met, it is easy to forget that everything we have is from God. We have to continue to depend on Him and seek His guidance. What do you think would happen if we relied on our own wealth and resources? How does this fall short?

2 | God gives us the power to produce wealth.

"You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth . . ." **DEUTERONOMY 8:18**

The God who led the Israelites in the wilderness by miraculously providing food, water, and shelter for them is the same God who promised to give them the *power to get wealth*. Like the Israelites, God will give us the power and ability we need—including skills, ideas, and opportunities—so that we can produce wealth. He wants us to come to Him and acknowledge His presence in our lives not just in times of lack, but also in times of plenty. How is God enabling you to produce wealth? Why is it important to trust God not only in

times of difficulty but also in times when we have more than we need?

3 | This power is a confirmation of His covenant.

"You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day." **DEUTERONOMY 8:18**

God's promise to provide for and prosper the Israelites is a confirmation of the *covenant that he swore* to their fathers. God promised to bring Abraham into the land that He showed him. He promised to bless Abraham and make his name great (Genesis 12:1–3). Hundreds of years later, Abraham's descendants entered that Promised Land. God is faithful and will always be true to His promises. In the same way that He was faithful to the Israelites, we can be assured that God will faithfully provide for anyone who trusts in Him. How has God shown you His faithfulness to provide for you in this season?

APPLICATION

- What or who do you rely on for your daily needs to be met? What are you willing to do differently in response to today's message?
- Do you believe God gives His people the power to produce wealth? Why does He do this and how is this a confirmation of His promise?
- How can your life reflect God's goodness, provision, and grace? What is one thing you can do this week to remind others to trust God?