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Faithful God, You promise to provide for Your people when we bring our generosity. Help me trust You enough to give first, not last. Remove the fear that keeps me from being fully generous. Strengthen our whole church to step out together in trusting You with our finances, so that You may pour out blessing that overflows into our community. Amen.

A story of trust...

George Müller ran an orphanage in 1800s England. He cared for more than 10,000 orphans in his lifetime, but what set him apart wasn't just what he did—it was how he did it. Müller never once asked for money. He never sent letters, launched campaigns, or made public appeals. Instead, he simply prayed.

One morning, the orphanage kitchen was completely empty. No bread. No milk. Nothing. The children sat at the table, waiting. Müller led them in a prayer: "Father, thank You for the food You will provide."

Moments later, a baker knocked on the door. "God woke me up in the night," he said. "I had to bake extra bread." Then a milk cart broke down right outside the door—and the milkman offered them all his stock before it spoiled.

"God is not in a hurry," Müller once said, "but He is never late."

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Read Malachi 3:6-12.

Have you ever had a time in your life when you truly had to trust God?

Do you find trusting God hard? Why?

Why do you think God calls not trusting Him with your finances "robbing God"?



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What is actually being "robbed" from God here? Is it money or is it something else?

After hearing this week's sermon, what would you say you may be robbing God of lately? Be totally honest with yourself... What are you going to do about that?

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The Stone of Testimony: Samuel Raises Ebenezer - 1 Samuel 7:3-12

Israel had wandered again. After seasons of compromise and defeat, the people cried out for deliverance from their enemies, the Philistines. Under Samuel's leadership, they repented, set aside their idols, and turned back to the Lord.

When the Philistines attacked, Israel was vulnerable. But Samuel prayed and God thundered from heaven, throwing their enemies into confusion. The people of Israel routed the Philistines and experienced a sweeping victory.

In response, Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, which means "Stone of Help." And he declared, "Till now the Lord has helped us."

That stone was not just about the victory of that day. It was a testimony—a marker that proclaimed God's faithfulness in the past and His continued help for the future. Whenever the people passed by that stone, they would remember that their strength did not come from themselves, but from the Lord who had fought for them.

And once again, the stones speak: A full life in Christ is one that needs to be given just as much as it is received. Israel had received God's mercy and deliverance, but Samuel led them to give something back—a visible testimony of gratitude and faith. The Ebenezer was not just for them: it was for their children and their children's children, a LEGACY marker declaring that God is faithful to help His people.

Our lives are filled with "Ebenezer moments"—times when we can say, "Till now the Lord has helped me." But the true power of those moments is not only in remembering them ourselves, but in testifying to them for others. When we give, when we sacrifice, when we commit to God's work, we are raising our own Ebenezers—stones of testimony that declare God's faithfulness to future generations.

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LEGACY is built when the stories of God's help are carried forward, not just in words, but in visible, lasting ways. Samuel's Ebenezer reminds us that we are not only recipients of God's grace, but also witnesses who are called to mark it, proclaim it, and give generously so others will know.

Strength. Thank You for carrying me this far. May my life be a living testimony that points others to Your faithfulness.

WEEK TWO WORSHIP MUSIC PLAYLIST

