



“Stay Positive”
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“Ending the Scarcity Cycle”

Scarcity Mindset: There is not enough

Haggai 1:6

Abundance Mindset: There is more than enough

➤ Eph. 3:20 ➤ John 10:10

How do we inoculate ourselves against the scarcity mindset?

Three Principles of Provision

1. Don't diminish what you have. 2 Kings 4:1-2
2. God often does the extravagant through what seems insignificant. 2 Kings 4:3-5 / Mal. 3:10
3. God's abundance often follows faith. 2 Kings 4:6-7

I've got the faith to 'pour' because I belong to the God of 'more'

2 Cor. 9:8,11

✓ **When you follow Jesus, you find true Life**

TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

- When stay at home orders were in place, what were you most concerned you would run out of?
- When you were preparing for the pandemic, did you buy more of something than you needed? If so, what?
- Read Haggai 1:6. Do you think you have more of a scarcity mindset or an abundance mindset? How does your mindset affect your life?
- Read 2 Kings 4:1-2. Have you ever diminished what you have? What might happen if you recognize the value of what God has given you?
- Read Mal. 3:10. Has your understanding of the tithe changed over time? What does give a tithe mean to you?
- Read 2 Kings 4:6-7. How have you seen God work through someone's' irrational generosity?
- Read 2 Cor, 9:8,11. How can you fight against the scarcity mindset?
- Start a Stay Positive Bible plan in YouVersion.

Stay Positive- Not afraid of Scarcity

July's Memory Verse – *Rejoice always, pray continually,*
1Thessalonians 5:16-17

Monday 7/13- Read Hebrews 11:1-40

Question: What risks am I willing to take by faith?

Truth: *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.* Vs. 6

Meditate: Hebrews 11:26– *He (Moses) regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.*

Prayer: Father, what would you have me do to glorify your Name. Who can I share your love with today?

Action: As a Disciple of Christ *seek* and *save* the Lost.

What risk will I take by faith for Christ today: _____

Tuesday 7/14- Read Matthew 25:14-30

Question: What will God expect from me with the gifts he has given me?

Truth: *“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.* Vs. 19

Meditate: Matthew 25:21 – *“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’*

Prayer: Lord you have given me peace, grace, hope and the power of the Holy Spirit. May I use these gifts to help save the lost.

Action: *But be sure to fear the Lord and faithfully serve him. Think of all the wonderful things he has done for you.* 1 Samuel 12:24

How will I demonstrate God’s love to others: _____

Wednesday 7/15- Read Luke 19:11-27

Question: What has Jesus given me to invest for his benefit?

Truth: *Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, ‘Invest this for me while I am gone.’* Vs. 13

Meditate: Luke 19:15– *“After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were.*

Prayer: Father God, open my eyes and heart to someone new I can get to know.

Action: Go say, Hello to someone new and ask them questions so I can learn his story.

What God is telling me: _____

Thursday 7/16- Read Psalm 66:1-20

Question: How can I share Jesus if I don’t have a lot of bible knowledge?

Truth: *Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.* Vs. 16

Meditate: Psalm 66:6– *Shout for joy to God, all the earth!*

Prayer: *Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!* Vs. 20

Action: Share what God has done for me.

Who can I share my story with: _____

Friday 7/17- Read 1 Peter 3:15

Question: Am I ready to share Christ if I’m asked?

Truth: *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,*

Meditate: 1 Peter 3:17– *For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

Prayer: Father God, I will glorify your Name by do good and sharing Jesus with others.

Action: Invite a friend to join you at church this Sunday.

Who will I share God’s love with today: _____