

## God's Amazing Plan

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Genesis 45:16-46:27

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### God's Abundant Provision:

Eph 3:20 - far more abundantly than all that we ask or think...

- **God Provided Material Needs**  
left as poor shepherds... returned as rich men...
- **God Even Provided for Felt Needs**  
Confession & Restoration provided "revival" for Jacob
- **God Provided for Spiritual Needs**  
Prophecy beginning to be fulfilled Gen 15:13-14; 50:20; Acts 9:5
- **God Provides in His Timing**  
God's Purposes: 2 Cor 1:8-9
- **God Provides in His Ways (sometimes miraculous)**  
Eph 3:20; Isaiah 55:8
- **God Provides through His Grace, not our Merit**  
Ephesians 1:3-4 - meditate often on our Blessings because of Christ!

### Hindrances to God's Provision

- **Quarreling can Hinder Us**  
greed, fighting over earthly things...
- **Guilt can Hinder Us**  
Blame game — Confession is solution: 1 John 1:9
- **Doubt can Hinder Us**  
Beware of "Eeyore" thinking... TV reinforces
- **Fear of Change can Hinder Us**  
Fear of losing earthly possessions: 1 Tim 6:17-19
- **Despair can Hinder Us**  
Giving Thanks is the anti-dote: 1 Thes 5:18

### Knowing God's Abundant Provision:

- **Listen to the Eyewitness Testimonies of the Son**  
1 Jn 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
- **Listen to the Words of the Son**  
Read the Gospels regularly: John 20:30-31
- **Look to the Tangible Proof**  
1 John 3:16; history; evidence of other's changed lives!

### The so what...

- How do you need to change your thinking?
- Do you allow events & circumstances to control your thinking or do you focus on God's provisions and look for His purposes?
- Which of the 'hindrances' is most affecting your life? What would God have you 'put on' to glorify Him and grow in faith?
- How will you use God's 'means of grace' (Word, worship, fellowship, etc.) better to know and experience God's abundant provision in your life?

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