

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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English

TITLE: **The Provider's Way [Lessons of Manna]**

TEXT: Exodus 16; Deuteronomy 8:2-3; others as specified

BIG IDEA: The new normal mindset understands that the Provider's Way Is the only way.

INTRO:

- The new normal requires a new you. What was once abnormal now becomes normal and what was once abnormal becomes normal.
- "Life is an exercise in living with the certainty of uncertainty." -Jason Kilar
- However, we have God our Provider who promised us that His presence will be before us to lead us in this dark and uncertain season of our lives.

I. THE PROVIDER'S WAY IS THE ONLY WAY.

A. God our Provider knows for certain when everything else is uncertain.

Exo. 16:3

- *What if the normal we knew isn't the normal God is leading us into? God isn't leading us **back**. God is leading us **forward**.*
- *The question is, "What is the new normal?" that God knew about all along?*
- *The new normal is not something to get back to but rather it is something that God is leading us into.*
- God's new normal is a life of faith, of trust and of complete dependency on Him.
- **The Way of God Our Provider Is The Only Way.** [Phil.4:19]

B. God provides bread from heaven.

- Manna is a Hebrew word; it does not mean food. Manna is a question, literally translates as 'what is it?'
- And I'll suggest you that one of the reasons manna has never renamed bread or food is because in the desert sometimes you've got to learn to live with questions.
- In the wilderness you've got to learn to live in seasons where your questions have no answers.
- Moses' response to the question is not an answer, it's a declaration. Moses' declaration is "God provides." [v.15b] I may not be able to answer your question, but God provides.

QUESTIONS:

- What is your previous understanding of normal? Are you excited to go back to what we used to before or are you ready to face the place the Lord will lead you into?
- On our recent situation today, have you asked the "what is it?" question? How did the ordeal happen to you? Share.

APPLICATION: This new normal, list down ways on how you can start a life full of faith and firm believe to the Lord.

II. THE PROVIDER'S WAY SHOWS THAT THE WAY IS TO OBEY. [16:4b]

- I want to share how God is guiding us even in the midst of these uncertain days in which we live. Deut. 8:2-3
- **"To teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."** -Deut.8:3

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- “You don’t live by bread alone; you live by everything God provides.”

Lessons of Manna [Exo. 16:14-15, 31]

A. Seek the Provider Before The Provision. [v.21] [Matt. 6:33]

- **They had to gather the manna first thing in the morning.** The first thing I want you to do in the season of uncertainty is make certain you identify what you know the Lord has provided in your life.

B. Practice Thanksgiving Instead Of Complaining [v.8]

- **The wilderness is a place of renewed appreciation and thanksgiving.**
- Can you appreciate your manna? God gave it to them for 40 years. For 40 years all they had was manna.
- The question in the wilderness is are you sick of what God has provided or are you grateful that you have it? I want to challenge you today to be grateful for what the Lord has provided.

C. Trust The Lord For Daily Provision And Don’t Fuss About Tomorrow’s Consumption. [v.4]

- **In the wilderness God is teaching us how to live one day at a time.**
- Matthew 6:34
- God will take care of God’s people. Don’t worry about tomorrow, enjoy the manna of today.

“The Provider’s Way Is The Only Way, And It Shows That The Way Is To Obey.” -RC

You know what? Today, God’s been good to you. Today, the Lord has made a way; today the Lord is blessing you. Manna forces you to live one day at a time. Don’t miss thanksgiving of today because you’re worried about problems of tomorrow. **The Lord will provide!**

QUESTION: Are you prepared to live a life of obedience? How?

APPLICATION: Lessons From Manna

1. Start a daily lifestyle of personal devotion every time you wake up for three weeks [March 15- April 5, 2021]. Record each day’s devotion.
2. Practice thanksgiving instead of complaining. [List down things which you often complain to and start to acknowledge its good cause.]

Give thanks and praise for the Lord is our Provider!

Pray for one another!