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Where God Sustains

Throughout the Bible we see how God provides for His people when they follow His instructions. The great missionary, J. Hudson Taylor, said it like this, **"God's work done in God's way will not lack God's support."** An example of this is in 1 Kings 17, where after Elijah prophesied God was not going to send rain for 3 1/2 years as a judgment for Israel's sin of idolatry, God told Elijah to hide by the brook Cherith **where He would sustain** him. Interestingly, God told Elijah, **"I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there."** The word **"there"** defines **where God promised to sustain** him. **"There"** represents the **fulfillment of the conditions of the promise to sustain** and **symbolizes being in the will of God**. If Elijah would have decided he did not want to live a lonely life **"there"** at the brook and would have gone elsewhere, the ravens would not have known **where** to deliver his food because God had told them **where to take it!** Then Elijah may have been forced to "beg or borrow" food. If we are **"there" where God wants us** and are **doing what God wants us to do**, we won't have to "beg or borrow" because **God will provide** as He did for Elijah.

God often uses the provision of funds **or the lack of them to confirm His direction**. When the brook later dried up, it indicated a change of direction and God told Elijah to go to Zarephath saying, **"I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee."** Elijah might not have liked the idea of a poor widow woman providing his food and could have said, "I really prefer this quiet place of solitude" and stayed where he was, but then he would have had to "beg or borrow" because God's promise to sustain him was only through the widow **"there"** in Zarephath. **"There"** is **where God sustains!**

Note: I will be sharing **how God miraculously answered prayer** to meet our church's financial need **through unexpected sources** on **60 Live with Pat Huber** (WBPH) at **10 am & 8 pm** on **August 24 & September 8** and **online at: www.wbph.org/video-online/60-live-videos/**