

Leader Conversation Guide - Replenish - Part 2

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Steve continued our "Replenish" series, focusing on how God provides for us even in times of scarcity. Drawing from 1 Kings 17:7-24, we looked at the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath, highlighting how God miraculously supplied their needs during a time of drought. The key message was that God is our ultimate source of provision, and when we trust Him, He will always meet our needs.

The sermon also addressed the various things that drain us spiritually, such as negative influences, busyness, materialism, and jealousy. We were reminded that if the enemy can't make us bad, he will try to make us busy, distracting us from what truly matters. The importance of prayer was emphasized, encouraging us to evaluate how, when, and where we pray, and to make prayer a priority in our lives. Through prayer, we can connect with God, find guidance, and see His faithfulness in action.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

JAMES 5:16

Make It Practical:

When we <u>step out</u> we will see His provision. There will always be provision in our life... <u>when God</u> is our source. <u>Prayer Replenishes</u> <u>4 Things that Drain Us:</u>

- Negative Influence
- The Grind of Busy
- Materialism
- Jealousy

<u>Envy is a lack of trust</u> in God's provision.

Prayer is the medium through which we <u>communicate and commune</u> with God. Let <u>God's Word and prayer</u> be our guide, not our fears and feelings.

We can depend on <u>God's faithful</u> response to prayer.

Talk About It

- <u>Reflecting on 1 Kings 17:7-16</u>, how can we trust God's provision in our lives, especially during difficult times? Can you share a personal experience where you saw God's provision when resources seemed scarce?
- <u>Considering the statement "If the devil can't make us bad, he will make us busy,"</u> how do you identify and manage the things that drain you, such as negative influences, busyness, materialism, and jealousy? What practical steps can you take to prioritize your spiritual health?
- <u>In light of Elijah's fervent prayer in 1 Kings 17:17-24 and James 5:16</u>, how can we cultivate a more powerful and effective prayer life? Discuss the five questions about prayer from the sermon: Do I prioritize prayer? When do I pray? Where do I pray? How do I pray? Do I pray out loud?

If the devil can't make us bad, he will make us busy. -Corrie Ten Boom

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for this time of fellowship and reflection. Help us trust in Your provision and manage the things that drain us. Guide us to prioritize our spiritual health and deepen our prayer lives. As we go from here, may Your peace guard our hearts and minds. Empower us to live out Your Word and be a light in our communities. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Join us for Saturday morning prayer at our Greenfield Location!