

"When Times Are Tough"

We Still Don't Trust Facets We Trust God, Pt.4

Matthew 15:1-20

Sermon Notes

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God can provide for us from different "faucets". For instance, there is...

1. The faucet of God's **common grace**.

2. The faucet of "**nature**". In Elijah's case, **ravens** and a **brook**.

3. The faucet of the **miraculous**: when God takes action that transcends the laws of nature.

God says, "Trust me, not the faucets." (Prov. 3:5-6)

Here are six ways to express our trust/faith in God rather than "faucets":

1. Treat money as a **tool** not a **god**.

(cf. Matt. 17:24-27; Lk. 16:13)

2. Manage your possessions **God's** way.

(Ps. 24:1; Lk 16:10-13)

3. **Recommit** your possessions to God; hold them in an

"**open hand**". (Ps. 24:1; Lk. 16: 10-13)

4. Take your financial **concerns/worries** to God.

(Zech. 10:1; Phil. 4:6-7)

5. Establish, ("found") your joy in **God** not "**stuff**".

(Rom. 15:13)

6. Put your faith in action by **giving**.

(Mal. 3:7-12; II Cor. 8:12)



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