



# Inspire

## Hope for the World

### An Overflowing Cornucopia

One of my favorite symbols of Thanksgiving is a cornucopia, which is a decorative, horn-shaped wicker basket commonly used as a centerpiece and is a symbol of abundance and nourishment. Cornucopias are always filled with something—fall harvest items such as pumpkins, gourds, fruit and vegetables or beautiful fall flowers. A cornucopia is always displayed full—never empty—and serves as a reminder that we have so much to be thankful for.

God is an abundant provider, and He gives graciously and overabundantly. Philippians 4:19 is a beautiful promise: ***And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*** What hope there is knowing that God has unlimited resources and He is never going to run out, and He is going to provide all that we need.

What does God's provision look like? As a kid, I remember when somebody in my family lost the lens to their glasses. We searched all over the house for the missing lens with no luck. It was a big issue because my parents simply didn't have the money to replace it. We went in and out of our front door throughout the day. No lens. The next morning, when my mom opened the front door of our house, the light hit something. There right in the middle of the welcome mat was the lens, unscratched and unscathed. God had provided in a miraculous way.

When I was a cadet, preparing to become a Salvation Army officer, I got sick and had some unexpected medical bills. One day I received a bill and I simply didn't have the money to pay for it. I was tapped out of money, and I didn't want to ask a friend for help. I remember praying that the Lord provide a way for me to pay the bill. Further down in the stack of mail, the very last piece was a letter from a credit card company. Before going to Training College I had closed this credit card account, and somehow I had overpaid on my bill. Not sure how that happened; it had never happened before or since. With the letter telling me of my mistake, was a check. Guess what? It was the exact amount—to the penny—of the bill that I had been worrying about how I was going to pay.

God provides miraculously in other ways as well, but sometimes we might not realize they are miracles. On a day you are feeling low, forgotten or unseen, a card arrives in the mail or out of the blue someone calls, texts or e-mails and says they are thinking about you. When you are struggling with a decision to make, and God provides the right verse for the moment. Or perhaps it is the flat tire, which prevents you from missing the horrific accident a little further down the road.

Psalms 23:1 says, ***The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*** May we have eyes to see and then respond with thankfulness to all the ways God abundantly provides for all our needs.

### INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

**Angoon, AK** ladies learned how to do Raven's Tail weaving, taught by one of the members.

**Concord, CA** enjoyed a virtual tour of the Oakland ARC.

**Escondido, CA** held a "BEEautiful In You" women's worship night.

**Glendale, AZ** prepared pudding cups for the local police officers, that stated "thank you for 'pudding' your lives on the line."

**Juneau, AK** joined with **San Diego, CA** ladies virtually via ZOOM, and the Corps Officer shared about the Tlingit Culture.

**Kodiak, AK** women are reading the book, "*God of the Fairy Tale*" by Jim Ware. They are having very lively discussions.

**Salinas, CA** has implemented doing a craft at every other meeting. Implementing the craft "has allowed for the women to get to know each other and have fun."

**Stockton, CA** had a program about transformation, where they were encouraged to embrace where they are as caterpillars, wrapped in the Holy Spirit and being ok as we feel uncertain through the hard times trusting HIM.

**Tucson Amphi, AZ** have been picking up women from the Gospel Rescue Mission Women's Recovery Center. This has given the corps women the opportunity to be of support, provide encouragement, hear their stories, and hopefully bridge them and their families to the Corps.

**Ventura, CA** is not able to hold regular meetings, but have been gathering for 'Coffee with 2 or 3'.

*Commissioner Colleen Riley—Territorial President of Women's Ministries*

*Colonel Donna Igleheart—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries*

*Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary*

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

## Monthly Bible Trivia - All About God's Miraculous Provision

1. In Genesis 22:1-19 when Abraham and Isaac are going to worship the Lord, Isaac notices that they have the fire and the wood for the sacrifice, but no lamb. What is Abraham's response (v. 8)? How did the Lord provide in this story?
2. How did God feed the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years (Exodus 16:13-36)?
3. Not only did God provide food and water for the Israelites for 40 years in the wilderness, according to Deuteronomy 29:5 how else did God miraculously provide?
4. How did God provide for Elijah's physical needs at the Kerith Brook (1 Kings 17:1-7)?
5. In 2 King 4:1-7 Elisha met a widow who had a creditor coming to take her two sons to be slaves. What did Elisha tell her to do with her 1 jar of oil? How long did that 1 jar of oil miraculously fill the other jars? What was she to do with the oil?
6. Daniel faithfully prayed to God even when it became illegal. His punishment was to be thrown into a den of lions. How did God provide for Daniel (Daniel 6:21)?
7. Jonah was told to go to Ninevah and preach to them. At first he tried to run away. God sent a storm to stop him. Jonah realized the storm was from God. What did he tell the crew to do to him? What did God provide to save Jonah (Jonah 1:12-17)?
8. Later in chapter 4 of Jonah, as he is waiting for God to destroy Ninevah, what 3 things did God provide to Jonah, to teach Jonah about His character (Jonah 4:6-8)?
9. After Jesus spends 40 days in the wilderness fasting and being tempted by the devil, how does God the Father provide for Him (Matthew 4:11, Mark 1:13)?
10. How much food did Jesus use to feed 5000 men plus women and children and how many baskets were leftover after everyone ate as much as they wanted (John 6:1-13)?



### Edible Cornucopia

Here is an easy, edible craft to make for a Women's Ministries meeting, for the corps youth programs, or table favors for any Thanksgiving meal.

<https://www.thecraftpatchblog.com/thanksgiving-cornucopia-treats/>



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James E. Faust

