



(SCRIPTURE, OBSERVATION, APPLICATION, PRAYER)

“SURVIVING IN THE MIDST OF RECESSION”

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1 Peter 5:7 **“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”**

1ST – RECOGNIZE THE SOURCE.

Read from **Deuteronomy 8:11-18** (Msg).

“Make sure you don't forget God, your God, by not keeping his commandments, his rules and regulations that I command you today. Make sure that when you eat and are satisfied, build pleasant houses and settle in, see your herds and flocks flourish and more and more money come in, watch your standard of living going up and up—make sure you don't become so full of yourself and your things that you forget God, your God,

- **the God who delivered you from Egyptian slavery;**
- **the God who led you through that huge and fearsome wilderness, those desolate, arid badlands crawling with fiery snakes and scorpions;**
- **the God who gave you water gushing from hard rock;**
- **the God who gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never heard of, in order to give you a taste of the hard life, to test you so that you would be prepared to live well in the days ahead of you.**
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If you start thinking to yourselves, ‘I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!’—well, think again. Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors.”

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 prays, **“Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.**

Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.”

Luke 16:10 (TNIV) **“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”**

2ND – ASK SPECIFICALLY.

James says, (James 4:2-3) **“You don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.”**

3RD – DEMONSTRATE FAITH.

“We promise to bring the first part of every harvest to the Lord’s Temple year after year—whether it be a crop from the soil or from our fruit trees.”

Malachi 3:10 (NIV) **“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”**

Deuteronomy 14:23 answers that. Read it with me. **“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”**

4TH – BE THANKFUL.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 **“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”**

“I (race) toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 3:14

In Matthew 16:26 **“And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?”**