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**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . . provisions for the journey . . . ”**  
*Genesis 42:25*

Joseph's brothers were preparing to leave. They had their grain that they came for, but as per their arrangement with Joseph, they had to leave Simeon behind. They also had to face their father when they got back to Canaan to tell him the truth about Joseph in order to free Simeon. What an interesting predicament, but not unlike many situations in which the 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian finds her or himself. Oh, the web we weave . . . .

But present circumstances for Joseph's brothers in this text, notwithstanding, let me draw your attention to a reassuring, comforting, and inspiring thought. Joseph not only gave his brothers the grain they came for, he gave them back the money they used to purchase the food, and more importantly, provisions for the journey. This is a good example of having life and having it more abundantly. Joseph gave his brothers food, water, and whatever else was considered provisions for their journey back to Canaan. That would have been provisions for nine men for however many days it took them to get back to their father.

God is awesome! He has done and is doing the same thing for every believer. He not only gives the believer spiritual life through Jesus Christ, he gives us life and life more abundantly by means of daily provisions for our present journey. Ephesians chapter one tells us that the believer has every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus. God doesn't have to provide for His children or His creatures, He wants to. There is no obligation for Him to provide for the Christian or His creation except for responsibilities He chooses to undertake for His own glory and personal good pleasure. What believers and unbelievers alike deserve are death, hell, and the grave. What He bestows upon us is according to His Sovereignty.

Do you think that you deserve His blessings? Are you persuaded that there is something in you or about you that binds God to have to do as you command? Do you take the food and raiment from God, however much it might be, for granted? If you are in Christ, you have life and you have life more abundantly. So give God praise for what is, in addition to eternal life, presently your provisions for the journey.