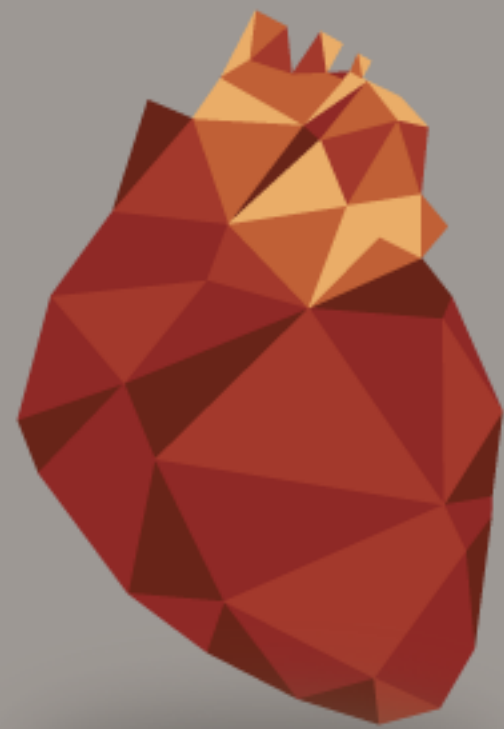


**THE FATHER'S HEART**

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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

<sup>1</sup> A prophecy: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi. <sup>2</sup> "I have loved you," says the LORD.



**MALACHI 1:1-2** NIV

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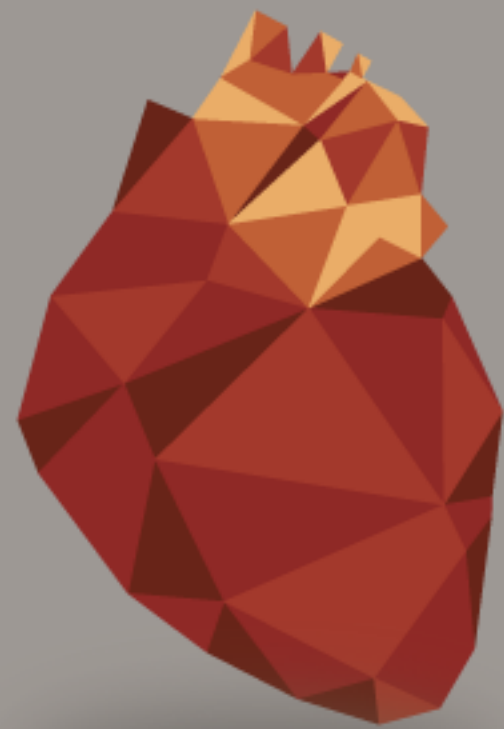
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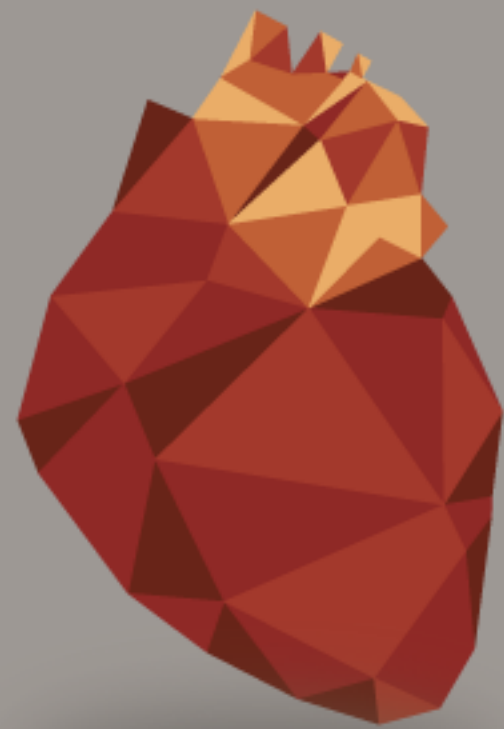
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**MALACHI 3:6-9** NIV





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**MALACHI 3:10-11** NIV

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**MALACHI 3:12-14** NIV

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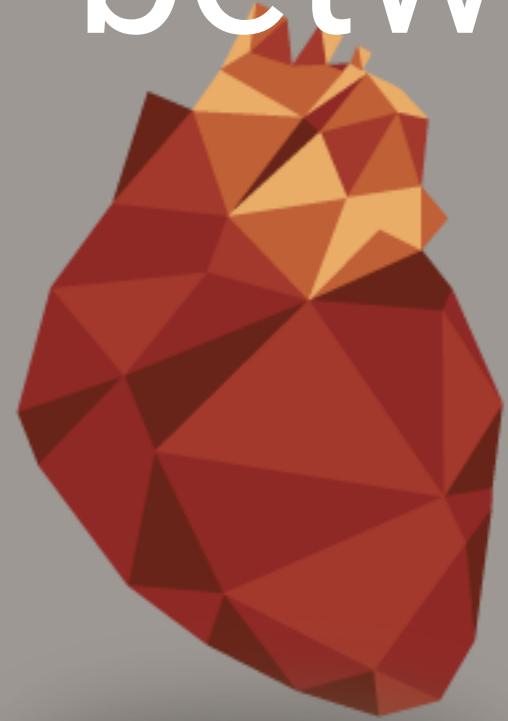


**MALACHI 3:15-16** NIV

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**MALACHI 3:17-18** NIV



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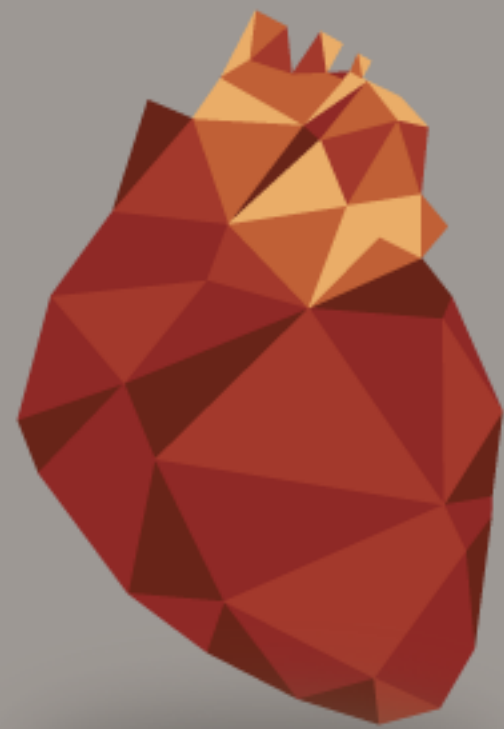
- Recognize the Provider



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## THE FATHER'S PROTECTION

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!”



**1 CHRONICLES 29:14** NLT





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# The Father's Provision

- Recognize God as Provider
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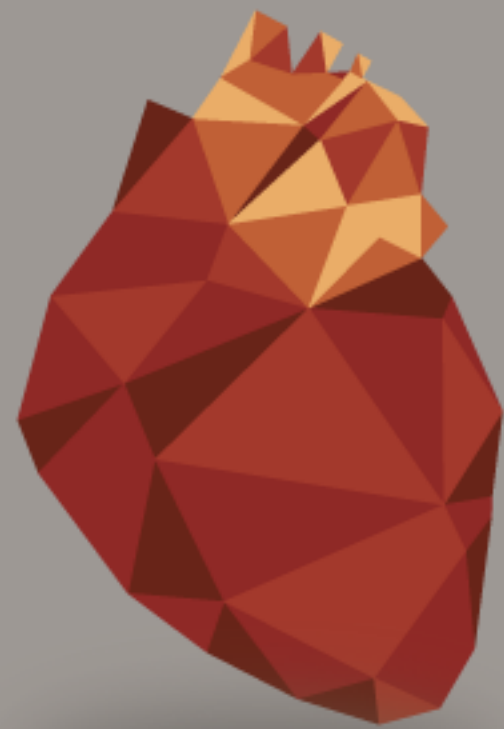
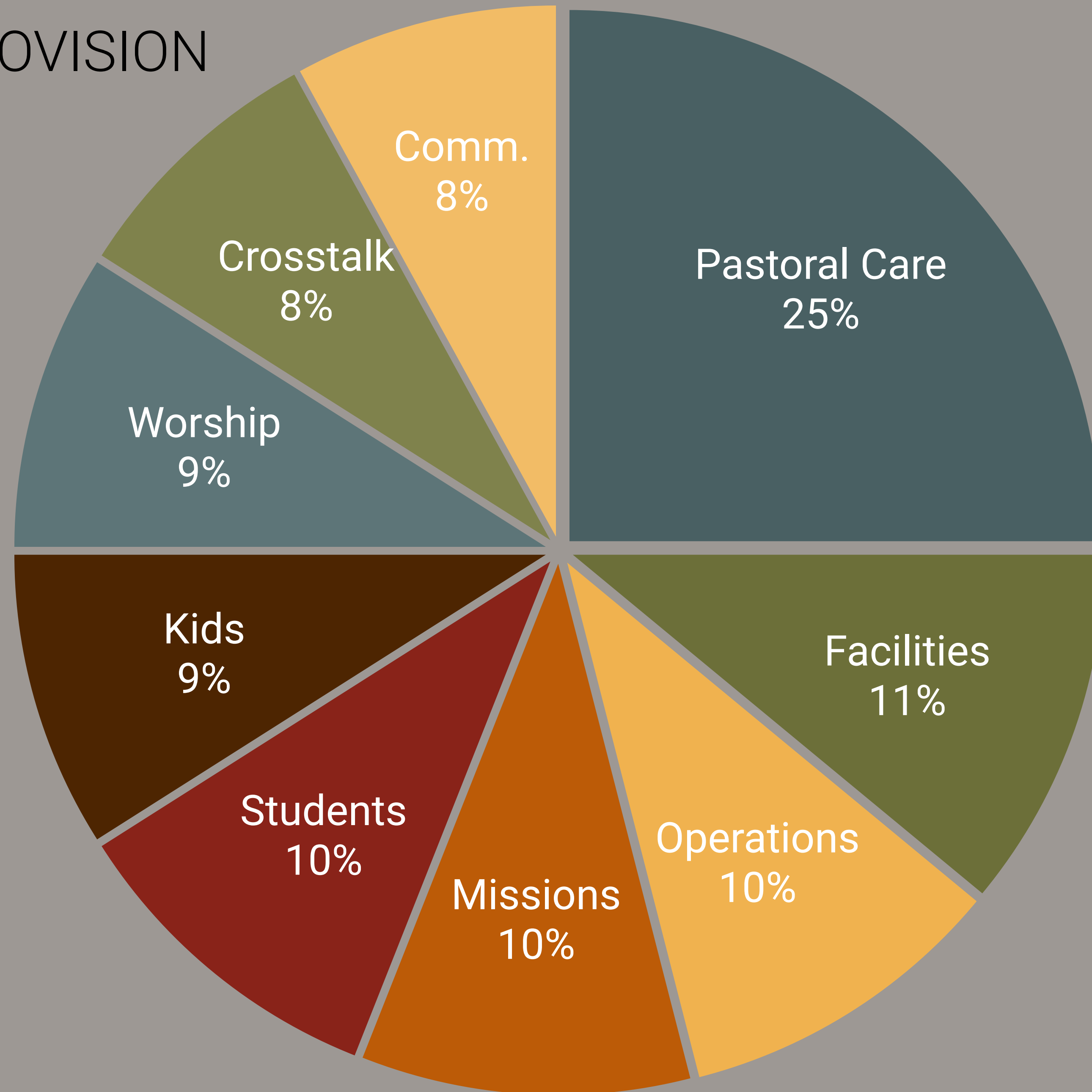
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“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”



**MATTHEW 23:23** NIV

# THE FATHER'S PROVISION



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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

<sup>6</sup> Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. <sup>7</sup> You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." <sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need.



**2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8** NLT

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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. <sup>9</sup> As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." <sup>10</sup> For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:9-10** NLT





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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

produce a great harvest of generosity in you. <sup>11</sup> Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. <sup>12</sup> So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.



**2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-12** NLT



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**MALACHI 3:13-15** NIV



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# The Father's Provision

- Recognize God as Provider
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- Trust in God through Disappointment



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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

<sup>19</sup> “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.



**MATTHEW 6:19-21** NIV

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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. <sup>25</sup> “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?



**MATTHEW 6:24-25** NIV

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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? <sup>27</sup> Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? <sup>28</sup> "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing,



**MATTHEW 6:26-28** NIV

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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

<sup>29</sup> yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. <sup>30</sup> And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? <sup>31</sup> “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’”



**MATTHEW 6:29-31** NIV



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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

<sup>32</sup> These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. <sup>33</sup> Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. <sup>34</sup> “So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.



**MATTHEW 6:32-34** NIV



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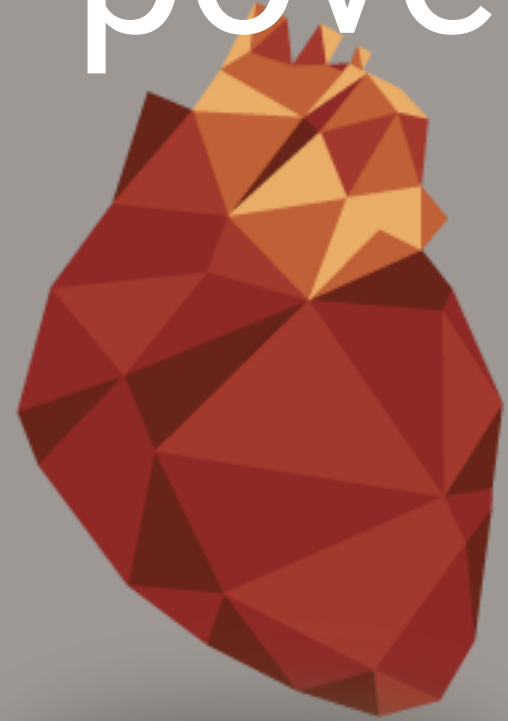
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- You are God's Treasured Possession



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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.



**2 CORINTHIANS 8:8-9** NIV

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## THE FATHER'S PROVISION

“I’m not trying to order you around against your will. But by bringing in the Macedonians’ enthusiasm as a stimulus to your love, I am hoping to bring the best out of you. You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.”



**2 CORINTHIANS 8:8-9** MSG

