As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent out two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone questions you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ So the disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A massive crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed were shouting: “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!” Matthew 21:1-9 (NIV)

His Supply

“The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, a spring whose waters never fail.” Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

One attribute of Christ that has dwelled on my mind over the past few months has been His supply. Our God offers His followers a beautiful supply of all we truly need. The Lord, in His all-powerful character, knows exactly what we need even before we think or ask for it.

When the word “need” comes to mind, we may think of basic physical needs such as food, water, shelter, or health. Some of these needs we are reminded of, while others we take for granted. We also have individual requests based on life circumstances, such as better work-life balance, quality time with family, or reconciliation in a relationship. In the book of Matthew, we are taught that our greatest need is not one of the earthly necessities, but rather the kingdom of God and His righteousness. “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

Matthew tells us not to fret for one moment about food, drink, or clothing because our God is fully aware of these needs. If the Lord has all of our basic needs under His control, then we can take courage that He is sovereign over each of our individual needs and requests as well.

A recent account of God’s supply is exemplified in the story of Aldi Novel Adilang and his survival at sea. In July 2018, the Indonesian teen was working when his small fishing vessel (or rampong) went adrift from its docking site. The wooden craft had no engine or navigation system, and it floated away leaving the teen stranded at sea for 49 days over shark-infested waters. Eventually, his food and water supply diminished, and he was left with his Bible to read. He remembered his parent’s advice to stop and pray when in peril. In August, he was seen by a passing ship and rescued to safety. What a miraculous story of God’s supply over the course of almost two months! When our essential needs in life are lacking or absent as in this story, our Heavenly Father sustains us because He is our living God. In addition to His character, our God supplies us through His gracious gift of Jesus Christ. “And my God will meet all of your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

We can trust God as our provider because of this proven work in Jesus’s perfect life, death, and resurrection. Jesus Christ was enough.
The next time you’re in need, whether it’s a need for a new job or for a drink of water, see your need in light of a loving and living God who perceives and provides it all. Adilang’s full story can be read [here](#).

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