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Faith as Currency in our Finances

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Description

Times are tough. Prices are high. Disposable income has dwindled. As followers of Jesus, how are we reacting to the severe economic crises faced by people in our communities and around the world? In this powerful, encouraging six-part series, Busola Sodeinde explores the teachings of Jesus and the lives of various people in the Bible to show us what it looks like to respond with faith to the reality of financial uncertainty.

A life application study on how to respond with faith in seasons of financial uncertainty.

Watch on RightNow Media: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/781533>

- Mar 4 – Faith Over Fear

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Session One: Faith Over Fear

March 4, 2026

Session 1 — Faith Over Fear

Session Prayer Goals: Lord, help me to learn to trust You as my ultimate Provider.

Main Idea:

Faith in God defeats financial fear.

Head Change: Know that faith in God is a currency to draw upon when the future looks bleak.

Heart Change: Celebrate that you serve a God of supernatural provision.

Life Change: Be intentional about using the tools God has given you, knowing He will meet your needs.

OPEN: Icebreaker

Open one of the news apps on your phone. How many of the top stories relate to the cost-of-living crisis, the current global financial recession, social injustice, weaponization of the military, poverty, unemployment, or famine in some part of the world? List four or five adjectives describing how these headlines make you feel

VIEW THE VIDEO:

As you watch, write down how Busola answers these questions.

- What are the believers mentioned in Hebrews 11 credited for?
- What does Jesus encourage us to do instead of worrying?
- What two questions does Busola suggest we ask ourselves to begin practically seeking God’s Kingdom?
- Do miracles still happen today?

Weekly Bible Exploration

- Hebrews 11:1–6 – Faith is the substance of things hoped for.
- Matthew 6:25–33 – Seek first the Kingdom and trust God for your needs.
- Isaiah 43:1; 65:24 – God’s personal care and foreknowledge of our needs.
- Philippians 2:4; Galatians 6:9–10; Ephesians 4:32 – Compassion, generosity, and care for others.

Read

1. According to Hebrews 11:1–6, how does the writer define faith, and why does he say it’s impossible to please God without it?
2. In Matthew 6:25–33, what specific things does Jesus tell His followers not to worry about, and what does He command them to do instead?
3. Isaiah 65:24 says that God answers before we call. What does this teach us about His awareness of our needs?

4. Proverbs 21:13 and Galatians 6:9–10 both speak to generosity and compassion. What do these passages reveal about God’s expectation for how we use our resources?
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Reflect

5. When you consider the “currency of faith,” what does that image mean to you personally? Have you ever experienced God’s provision in a time of need?
 6. Jesus calls us to seek first God’s Kingdom. How does that command challenge your current priorities or habits in times of financial uncertainty?
 7. How assured are you that God loves you and cares about your needs (Matthew 6:28–30)? How might that assurance transform your outlook during seasons of scarcity or uncertainty?
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Respond

8. Think about someone in your community who may be struggling financially or emotionally. What practical steps can you take this week to express faith through generosity or service (Philippians 2:4; Ephesians 4:32)? Let’s take it further, how can you express faith as currency toward someone who has hurt you?
 9. What does it mean to “spend” your faith as a currency in daily life? What actions show that you’re trusting God’s provision instead of your own resources?
 10. Read Psalm 77:14 and reflect on Jesus feeding the 5000 with limited resources (John 6:1–14). What does this miracle teach you about God’s ability to multiply your small acts of faith and generosity? What kind of life-changing miracles have you witnessed or experienced?
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Takeaway Faith is not just belief—it’s a resource that activates God’s power in our lives. When fear about finances rises, choose to “spend” faith: trust God, obey His Word, and give generously even when it feels costly. Your faith becomes both your shield and your testimony.

DEEPER WALK

Select at least one activity below to complete before watching the next session.

Read: Read 1 John 3:17–18 in a few different Bible translations or paraphrases. What strikes you? Who is God prompting you to love? How is He prompting you to love them?

Write: Write out every massive or minuscule financial or material worry currently on your mind, consciously conceding each one to your loving Heavenly Father who already knows what’s on your list and promises to meet your needs.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for being our Provider. Strengthen our faith so that we trust You with every resource and need. Teach us to give and live generously, knowing You will always provide. Amen.

Session Two: Having Enough

March 11th, 2026

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Session Prayer Goals: Lord, help me to learn contentment and dependence on You.

Main Idea: God is training your heart to depend on Him and be content.

Head Change: Know that challenging circumstances strengthen your faith.

Heart Change: Feel grateful that God knows what you need and He provides.

Life Change: Choose to be content with God’s provision today and to trust Him with tomorrow.

Opening Icebreaker

- How much is enough? Reflect on this question as it relates to chocolate, holidays, Netflix, sleep, laughter, coffee, electronic gadgets, tools or anything else you sometimes feel you can’t get enough of.

VIEW THE VIDEO 9 MINTUES

As you watch, write down how Busola answers these questions.

- Why did the Israelites grumble against Moses and Aaron?
- What was God’s gracious response to His people’s complaints?
- What three faith lessons do we learn as we trust God to provide enough?
- What story did Jesus tell to demonstrate the futility of selfishly stockpiling wealth?

Weekly Bible Exploration

- Exodus 16:1–5 – God provides manna in the wilderness to test His people’s trust.
- Matthew 6:11 – Jesus teaches daily dependence on God’s provision.
- Philippians 4:6–13 – Paul’s example of peace and contentment in all circumstances.
- 1 Timothy 6:6–8 – True contentment is found in godliness and gratitude.
- Luke 12:16–21 – The parable of the rich fool warns against greed and self-reliance.

Read

1. According to Exodus 16:1–5, what did the Israelites complain about in the wilderness, and how did God respond to their grumbling?
 2. In Matthew 6:11, Jesus teaches us to pray, “Give us today our daily bread.” What does this reveal about how often God wants us to depend on Him?
 3. Based on Philippians 4:6–7, what does Paul say is the result of praying about our worries rather than dwelling on them?
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Reflect

4. Why do you think the Israelites longed for Egypt even though they had been enslaved there? What does this show about our struggle with contentment?
 5. When have you experienced a “just enough” season? How did that experience deepen your dependence on God?
 6. Listen to video: How does Busola’s reminder that “having just enough refines our prayer life” resonate with you personally?
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Respond

7. Read Luke 12:16–21. What lesson does Jesus teach about storing up wealth and trusting in possessions? In what practical ways can you choose contentment this week, even if your circumstances haven’t changed?
 8. List five things you are grateful for today that have nothing to do with money or possessions. How does gratitude shape your sense of “enough”?
 9. How can you model trust and contentment to those around you, especially during seasons of uncertainty or lack?
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Takeaway

God is training your heart to depend on Him daily. Seasons of lack are not punishment but preparation—an invitation to grow in gratitude, prayer, and trust. When you rest in God’s provision, you will discover peace that surpasses understanding.

Prayer:

Lord, help me to be content with Your daily provision and to trust You with tomorrow. Amen.

DEEPER WALK

Select at least one activity below to complete before watching the next session.

Read: Read Philippians 4:11–13 and Hebrews 13:5 in a different Bible translation from the one you usually use, or in The Message paraphrase. Take a few deep, slow breaths. Read them again. What unshakeable truth can you take with you into this day?

Write: If you’re disappointed with what you perceive to be God’s lack of provision for you in this season, write Him a letter. It’s ok to tell Him exactly how you’re feeling; He knows anyway, and He loves you unblinkingly. Allow the physical act of writing out the truth to release your anger or disillusionment to God.

Begin today practicing daily prayer. Start by simply repeating, *God, I surrender my will. I declare my dependence.*

Session Three: Out of Dark Times

March 18, 2026

Session 3: Out of Dark Times—It's possible to live with enduring faith despite setbacks.

Session Prayer Goals: Lord, help me to trust You when life feels dark and uncertain. Remind me that You can bring good out of every situation.

Head Change: To know that, even in life's darkest seasons, God is with you.

Heart Change: To feel thankful that God can turn the direst of situations around for good.

Life Change: To live with genuine hope for a bright future because nothing can diminish God's love for you or thwart His plans for your life.

Opening Ice-breaker Figure out what the following celebrities have in common: Viola Davis, Tyler Perry, Whoopi Goldberg, Chris Gardenr, Jay Z, Oprah Winfrey, LeBron James, and Taraji P. Henson

VIEW 10 MINUTE VIDEO As you watch, write down how Busola answers these questions.

- How does economic deprivation affect some people's mental health?
- Why did Joseph's brothers throw him into a pit and how did he get out of it?
- What remained constant through the highs and lows of Joseph's life?
- Why did Joseph name his second son Ephraim?

Weekly Bible Exploration

- **Genesis 37, 39–41** – Joseph's journey from betrayal to blessing.
- **1 Samuel 1:9–20** – Hannah's perseverance and answered prayer.
- **Daniel 3:17–18** – Faith that refuses to bow under pressure.
- **Romans 5:3–5** – Suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope.
- **Psalms 138:8** – God will fulfill His purpose for you.

Read

1. **Genesis 37:23–28** – What actions did Joseph's brothers take against him, and how did God ultimately use this situation for good later in his life (see Genesis 45:4–8)?
2. **Genesis 39:6–12** – How did Joseph respond to Potiphar's wife's advances, and what does this reveal about his integrity and relationship with God?
3. **Daniel 3:17–18** – How do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego demonstrate enduring faith even when facing death?

Reflect

4. When Joseph was thrown into the pit by his brothers, what thoughts or prayers do you imagine he might have had? How does remembering God's promises bring you peace in your own "pit" experiences?
5. Hannah (1 Samuel 1:9–20) cried out to God in anguish yet remained steadfast in faith. How do you maintain trust when your prayers seem unanswered or delayed?
6. Have there been times when fear or anxiety made it hard to believe in a hopeful future? How did your faith sustain you during those moments?

Respond

7. **Romans 5:3–5** teaches that "suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." What step can you take today to cultivate perseverance in your faith journey?
8. Joseph was faithful in small things, even in prison. What "small" act of faithfulness could you commit to this week as you wait for God's breakthrough?
9. Looking back on your life, identify a time when God made you "fruitful in the land of your suffering." How can sharing that testimony encourage others walking through dark times?
10. What practices (prayer, journaling, community) help you remember that God's presence doesn't depend on circumstances?

Takeaway. Joseph's story reminds us that setbacks are never the end when God is in control. Just as He made Joseph fruitful in the land of suffering, He can bring new life and hope out of your darkest season.

DEEPER WALK *Select at least one activity below to complete before watching the next session.*

Write: Storyboard the landscape of your faith journey, sketching and labelling valleys you've traipsed through and peaks you've summited.

Prayer: Lord, thank You that You never leave us, even in our darkest seasons. Teach us to trust You like Joseph did—to be faithful in the pit, steadfast in the prison, and humble in the palace. Strengthen our faith and fill us with hope. Amen.

Session Four: Making a Difference

March 25, 2026

Session 4: Making a Difference

Session Prayer Goals:

Lord, help me to trust Your provision and to use what I have to bless others.

Main Idea: God calls us to use even the little we have to make a difference.

Head Change: To recognize that when we have very little left, our human tendency is to hold on to it.

Heart Change: To celebrate that when God stirs our hearts to give sacrificially, our actions lay up heavenly treasures and we can expect the supernatural to occur.

Life Change: To sow sacrificially when opportunities arise, and to trust God that we will reap.

OPEN

- Play a quick round of kitchen-cupboard bingo. How many cups of oil (if any) do you currently have at home? How much flour?

VIEW THE VIDEO 8 MINUTES- As you watch, write down how Busola answers these questions.

- Why was the widow gathering sticks when Elijah met her?
 - Does God provide the offering when He asks us to give?
 - How did God provide for the widow, her son, and Elijah?
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Weekly Bible Exploration

- **1 Kings 17:10–14** – Elijah and the widow at Zarephath.
- **Proverbs 11:24–25** – Generosity leads to blessing.
- **Mark 12:41–44** – The widow’s offering.
- **2 Corinthians 9:7** – God loves a cheerful giver.
- **Acts 20:35** – “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Read

1. What specific resources did the widow 1 Kings 17:10-14 have when Elijah first approached her (v.12)?
 2. What did Elijah ask the widow to do before she fed herself and her son?
 3. According to Elijah’s message, what promise did God make regarding the flour and oil (v.14)?
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Reflect

4. How do you think the widow felt when Elijah asked her to share her last meal? Have you ever faced a similar moment when faith required risk?

5. When you have little to give—whether time, money, or energy—what fears keep you from trusting God to provide?
 6. How does the promise “Don’t be afraid” in verse 13 speak to your current circumstances or financial challenges?
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Respond

7. Read Proverbs 11:24-25 Where might God be prompting you to give or serve sacrificially this week? How can you obey even if resources seem scarce?
 8. What practical steps can you take to “store up heavenly treasures” (Matthew 6:19–21) by investing your time, talents, or finances for God’s kingdom? How does your spending or serving reveal what you truly treasure?
 9. How can your example of obedience encourage someone else to trust God’s provision?
 10. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7 In what way can generosity become your act of worship this week?
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Takeaway God multiplies what we surrender to Him. The widow’s empty jar became the vessel for God’s overflowing provision. When you offer what’s in your hand, no matter how small, you open the door for God to make a lasting difference through your life.

DEEPER WALK Select at least one activity below to complete before watching the next session.

Read: Mark 12:41–44 tells the story of another widow who gave all she had. What did Jesus think of her sacrifice? To whom did He compare her? What is God saying to you through this account?

Write: Spend some time journaling about your financial resources in this season. Do you feel stretched? Are you worried about the future? What ideas come to mind when you think about where God might be asking you to give, even if you have very little?

Prayer:

Lord, teach us to trust You even when our jars seem empty. Help us to give with open hands and cheerful hearts, knowing that You are our Provider. May our generosity reflect Your faithfulness, and may we see Your supernatural provision as we obey You. Amen

Session Five: Generous Giving

April 8, 2026

(No Session Easter Week)



Session 5: Generous Giving

Session Prayer Goals: Lord, teach me to give not out of duty but out of devotion and faith. Transform my heart so my generosity reflects Your goodness.

Main Idea: Financial giving is an act of faith and worship.

Head Change: To recognize that sacrificial giving honors God, and duty-bound giving doesn't.

Heart Change: To feel grateful that the abundance you have received is a blessing from God.

Life Change: To give—prayerfully, excitedly, expectantly, and joyfully—trusting God for what's to come.

OPENING ICE-BREAKER Pick some adjectives to describe how you feel about paying tax. Pick some adjectives to describe how you feel about buying Christmas or birthday presents for people you love. Lastly, pick some adjectives to describe how you feel about giving money to your local church.

VIEW THE VIDEO As you watch, write down how Busola answers these questions.

- Why did God create us, and what do our priorities around time and money reveal about our relationship with Him?
- Why was God pleased with Abel?
- Why did Melchizedek bring out bread and wine for Abram?
- According to Busola, how and why do we think differently about buying a house than we do about giving our money to God?

Bible Exploration

- **Genesis 4:2–7** – Cain and Abel's offerings reveal the heart behind giving.
- **Genesis 14:18–20** – Abram honors God by giving a tithe to Melchizedek.
- **Proverbs 3:9–10** – Honor God with your first and best.
- **Malachi 3:9–12** – Test God's faithfulness through generous giving.
- **Luke 6:38** – The measure you give is the measure you receive.

Read

1. In **Genesis 4:2–7**, how did Cain and Abel's offerings differ in content and spirit?
2. In **Genesis 14:18–20**, what did Abram give to Melchizedek, and why is that significant? Is it mandatory for Christians to give a tenth of their income to the church? Why, or why not? Are you generally intentional about giving a certain percentage of your income to God's Kingdom? Why, or why not?
3. According to **Proverbs 3:9–10**, what promise follows honoring the Lord with our wealth?

Reflect

4. What emotions arise when you think about giving to God—joy, hesitation, gratitude, or guilt? Why? Do motives matter?
5. How might viewing your giving as *worship* rather than obligation change your attitude toward generosity?
6. When have you seen God provide for your needs after an act of obedience or giving? How did that strengthen your faith?

Respond (doing / life change)

7. What would it look like for you to give the “first fruits” of your income, time, or energy to God? In other words, what does first and best look like for you in time, talent or treasure?
8. What practical step can you take this week to give prayerfully and expectantly, trusting God for what’s to come? What area of your life will you intentionally give God the first portion?
9. How can you model joyful generosity within your family or ministry community?
10. Read Malachi 3:9-12 What would change in your giving if you truly believed you could never outgive God? How might you apply this scripture in your home, church, wider community, city, or nation?

Takeaway Generous giving begins in the heart. God honors the giver who offers the first and best, not leftovers or reluctant offerings. When you give freely and joyfully, you reflect the nature of your generous Father and invite His blessings to overflow in your life.

DEEPER WALK Write: If you’re struggling to release your finances to God, to be used by Him, write out all the reasons why. Bring these words to Him as an act of worship. Allow Him to move your heart.

Prayer:

Lord, You are the giver of every good gift. Teach us to give not out of duty but out of devotion. Transform our hearts so that generosity becomes an act of worship and trust in Your faithfulness. Help us to give our first and best, knowing that You will always provide. Amen.

Session 6: Supporting God's Mission

April 15th, 2026

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Session Prayer Goals:

Lord, give me a heart for Your mission. Help me to go, give, and pray so that Your gospel reaches the nations.

Main Idea:

Giving to missions is an essential part of carrying out the assignment Jesus gave us to spread the gospel.

Head Change: To acknowledge that those called to the frontlines of mission are often supported by believers in other vocations.

Heart Change: To feel excited that we are all called to be on mission for Jesus, and that our giving in faith activates a movement for God as we release what He has first given to us.

Life Change: To serve God in whatever vocation He has called us to and to give generously toward the work of His Kingdom.

OPENING

Have you ever done a short-term (or longer-term) mission in another country or community? If so, how did you cover your expenses? Does your church support missionaries planting churches or doing humanitarian work in other places?

VIEW THE VIDEO- 10 minutes As you watch, write down how Busola answers these questions.

- What was Jesus' final instruction to His followers?
- What role did the Philippian believers play in Paul's missionary work?
- What is the effect of persecution and cancel culture on the preaching of the gospel in different parts of the world?

Bible Exploration

- **Matthew 28:19–20** – The Great Commission: make disciples of all nations.
- **Philippians 4:14–19** – Partnership in ministry and God's provision.
- **Acts 1:8** – The Spirit empowers believers for global witness.
- **Psalms 96:3** – Declare God's glory among the nations.
- **1 Corinthians 9:7–14** – Support for those who preach the gospel.

Read

1. **Matthew 28:19–20** – What specific actions did Jesus command His followers to take before His ascension, and what assurance did He give them for this mission?
2. **Philippians 4:14–19** – How did the Philippian church support Paul in his ministry, and what promise did Paul make to them as a result of their generosity?

3. **Acts 1:8** –What promise does Jesus say believers will receive to carry out their mission, and why is this power essential?
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Reflect (heart/feeling)

4. Some are called to go and others are called to give. Which role has God placed you in during this season of life? How can you honor that role faithfully?
 5. Paul said that giving is “a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.” How does this reshape your understanding of generosity in mission work?
 6. Who are the people in your “Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria”? How can you live as a witness to them?
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Respond (doing / life change)

7. How might 1 Corinthians 9:7–14 influence how your church supports pastors, teachers, or missionaries?
 8. How can you personally remain bold in sharing your faith even when culture resists or ridicules it?
 9. What is one practical step you can take this month to support missions—through finances, prayer, or service?
 10. How can your small group or ministry unite in supporting God’s global mission more intentionally this year?
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Takeaway Jesus’ command to make disciples has no expiration date. Each believer plays a vital role—some go, some send, and all pray. When you give, serve, or share, you partner with God in advancing His Kingdom among the nations.

DEEPER WALK : Write: If you’re struggling to release your finances to God, to be used by Him, write out all the reasons why. Bring these words to Him as an act of worship. Allow Him to move your heart.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for entrusting us with Your mission. Give us hearts that burn for the lost, faith that releases what You have given, and courage to go or give wherever You send us. May our generosity advance Your Kingdom and bring glory to Your name among all nations. Amen.