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Thanksgiving

When the Chimes Rang True

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> *The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.*
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> PSALM 34:10

I opened the door as Bruce introduced himself. For years, he had worked in medical equipment sales for hospitals. We hit it off immediately, as I had spent many years working in a hospital environment.

His visit was still about health, but this time it was the health of my ailing grandfather clock!

A couple of months earlier, the clock had stopped working. It still kept time, but it had lost its beautiful Westminster chime—my favorite part! After examining it, Bruce determined the clock was quite ill, presumably suffering from the sand and dust left behind when our log home was sandblasted and stained the previous year.

When Bruce told me how much it would cost to repair, I gasped! My late husband had given me the clock one Christmas, and its familiar chimes had become a treasured reminder of him.

As I watched Bruce leave with the clock's inner workings tucked under his arm, my heart sank. It was only the beginning of the month, and the repair bill would consume my entire food budget. Seasonal expenses, including the chimney sweep and pest control, had already taken their fair share.

Philippians 4:19 tells us, “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Of course! But there were no physical resources left to draw upon. So, I resolved to eat pancakes until the end of the month!

I continued reading in Psalm 34:10: “The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”

What a promise! Human strength and worldly wealth have their limits, but those who seek the Lord, trust Him, and lean on His faithfulness can rest in the assurance of His care.

By the middle of the month, things were looking pretty bare. Still, I trusted God to see me through. Then came Thursday's Senior Lunch—a free meal for which I was especially grateful. My sweet friend handed me a thank-you note. Some time earlier, she had asked where she could get a Bible, and I had happily given her one.

As I opened her note and read her heartfelt words, tears began to flow. Tucked inside was $30—just enough to help carry me through the rest of the month.

God had provided!

It wasn't a grand financial windfall or an unexpected fortune. It was a simple, timely gift from a friend whose heart had been touched. Yet it was exactly what I needed, arriving when I needed it most.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving, your needs aren't financial. Maybe you're facing a physical challenge, an emotional struggle, or a strained relationship. Perhaps someone you love is hurting, and you've been faithfully praying for them.

Whatever the need, remember God sees you. He knows your circumstances, hears your prayers, and remains steadfast and faithful. His provision may not always arrive in the way we expect, but we can trust His heart even when we cannot see His hand at work.

As we read in 1 Chronicles 29:11: “Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.”

Today's song, “Do It Again” by Elevation Worship, captures hope beautifully: “I've seen You move, You move the mountains. And I believe, I'll see You do it again.”

Everything belongs to Him. And the One who holds all things in His hands is the same One who cares about the details of our lives—even a broken grandfather clock and an empty grocery budget.

A Closing Thought

Sometimes, God's faithfulness arrives in the form of a friend, a handwritten note, or thirty unexpected dollars. We may not always understand how He will provide, but we can trust He has not forgotten us.

So, when the way ahead looks uncertain, keep praying, keep trusting, and keep believing. The God who has carried you this far is still at work.

May we enter this Thanksgiving season with hearts full of gratitude, remembering the times God has moved mountains in our lives—and trusting Him to do it again.

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