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Podcast Worksheet
Power, Protection, Provision: Relinquishing Control to God

Scriptural Texts:

Exodus 6:6-9; 14:10-12; 16:2-3

Main Points:

1. Many Christians like the idea of God being over our life, but never surrender anything to him.
2. Pride is the crux of the problem, believing we are better qualified than God to lead our life.
3. If our beliefs are true, we'll have no trouble letting God be in charge. If they aren't true, we will.
4. Trusting God to be our power, protector, and provider begins by learning his true character through reading Scripture and by doing life together.
5. God demonstrates his abilities and desire to use them on our behalf all the time. We, however, are often slow to believe his love. Living pridefully leads to more pain.
6. Fear and doubt ruin our chances to benefit from God's power, protection, and provision.
7. Even when God leads us into hard situations to test our faith, he always provides for us.
8. Whether I understand a situation or not, God remains good, kind, loving, trustworthy, and just.
9. Self-Provision: withholding the tithe, overworking, over eating, over spending, drinking too much, taking drugs, illicit sex, too much time online, too much debt, stealing, pornography
10. Self-Protection: hoarding money, hiding or withdrawing from people, indulging in fantasies, reality TV, pornography, lying, intimidating people, yelling, pleasing people
11. Self-Power: criticism, judgment, lying, cheating, stealing, breaking the law, manipulating, controlling, abortion, not paying debts, hiding our true self, not apologizing or forgiving

Questions:

1. Provision: How have you been your own provider? What do you believe about God and his desire and ability to provide for you?

2. Protection: How have you been your own protector? What do you believe about God and his desire and ability to protect you?

3. Power: How have you been your own source of power? What do you believe about God's power and his willingness to use it on your behalf?

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, I confess I am of two minds. I want you to be my power, protector, and provider, but my pride interferes every day. Forgive me for not trusting and letting you have authority in my life. Reveal to me where my beliefs are false and give me courage to go a new way and trust you. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____
