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- Have you ever experienced God's provision in a surprising way after taking a step of faith? If so, what was it like?
- In 1 Timothy, Paul says generosity helps us "take hold of the life that is truly life." What do you think "true riches" or "the rich life" looks like for you? How will you respond?

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