FULL

I Have Everything I Need

AT A GLANCE:
WELCOME to our exciting new financial series, *Full.*

This very practical series is titled *Full* because it is anchored on God's promise that He will provide. His blessings, all that we need, are available for our taking.

AFTER THE SERIES:
We should be able to know the beginnings of the Catholic Faith, understand and appreciate the Faith, and reconnect with the founder of the Church, our Lord Jesus.

Talk 3: "Prosper

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Talk 3, Prosper, presents how you have everything you need.

Personal Reflection and Group Discussion:
How are you multiplying God's resources?

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSE

"Now you should choose some man with wisdom and insight and put him in charge of the country. 34 You must also appoint other officials and take a fifth of the crops during the seven years of plenty. 35 Order them to collect all the food during the good years that are coming, and give them authority to store up grain in the cities and guard it. 36 The food will be a reserve supply for the country during the seven years of famine which are going to come on Egypt. In this way, the people will not starve." **(**Genesis 41:33-36 GNT)

Review the relevance of Joseph in our Salvation History. Joseph came from the lineage of Abraham, who God promised would be the father of all nations. Abraham and his wife Sarah had a son, Isaac.

Isaac married Rebecca and they had two children: Esau and Jacob.

In our key verse for **Talk 2,** we read that Jacob would marry Laban's daughters—Leah, and then Rachel.

REVIEW the children of Jacob by wife, in order of birth:

With Leah: Reuben (1), Simeon (2), Levi (3), Judah (4), Issachar (9), Zebulun (10), Dinah (11);

With Rachel: Joseph (12), Benjamin (13);

With Bilhah, Rachel's maid: Dan (5), Naphtali (6)

With Zilpah, Leah's maid: Gad (7), Asher (8)

NOTE that Joseph's advice to the Pharoah enabled Egypt to have enough food during the prophesied period of famine. Israel suffered the famine so his brothers had to go to Egypt to have food. In time, the Jews multiplied in Egypt up to the time of Joseph and Mary, the human parents of Jesus, who fled to Egypt

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when King Herod tried to kill Jesus because the boy was prophesied to become King of the Jews.

Point out the following:
• The long journey of Joseph – from the cruelty of his brothers up to becoming their benefactor, saving them from famine

Point out the virtue of patience, avoiding short cuts, struggling through difficulties to achieve financial stability.

II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Before the sharing remind members that whatever would be discussed would be under the mantle of secrecy to protect the privacy of the sharers.

Ask for sharing about being a fruit eater or a seed planter.

Ask for sharing about the three kinds of seeds that God gives to us for successful financial management:
1. Character
2. Capacity
3. Capital.

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that everyone will keep in mind the application of Jacob's story in the area of finances.

Recall Esau resorting to shortcuts to get what he wants (soup to satisfy his hunger) and Joseph's patient journey.

Pray for those with money problems that they make a firm decision to free themselves from their financial entanglements and ultimately prosper.

Remember to follow up their progress in the next meeting.

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