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## WHEN MONEY IS GONE

Mari and Marcos Bomfim, a ministerial couple in Brazil, were facing a terrible economic crash in their home, months after their wedding, in 1986. Powered by some poor financial choices, in addition to an eighty percent inflation rate in the country, their financial crisis happened shortly after they decided to raise their Promise's percentage from 3 to 5 percent, in recognition of God's blessings by providing both with a job.

One morning, while leaving for work, Mari asked Marcos to buy some groceries at the open fair. He answered, however, that all their money was spent, including their savings, with two weeks to go before the next paycheck.

After pouring out his heart to God that morning, Marcos found some unexpected money in a pocket, maybe enough to buy only a dozen bananas. But, besides the bananas, he came back from the market that day with a dozen oranges and some zucchini also! Later, while feeding their chicken, which they kept in their yard shared by other ministerial families, a neighbor offered him lettuce and kale from their garden. Climbing the wall, back from feeding the chicken, the sound of a falling avocado reminded Marcos that an elderly pastor

asked him to pick his avocados and to share with him the harvest. And so he did, bringing home a bag full of them! Suddenly he realized that they were witnessing a miracle like those of biblical times!

When Mari arrived at home, she couldn't believe she was being welcomed by bananas, oranges, zucchini, lettuce, kale and... avocados! Both Marcos and Mari knelt before the produce to thank their Provider for such deliverance. Realizing that it would be impossible for them to eat it all, Mari suggested to share some lettuce, kale and avocados, with Marcos' parents. When he arrived at his parents' home, his mother offered him two whole wheat loaves of bread and three liters of milk! All blessings on the same day! Marcos barely could drive back home as tears of awe for God's greatness flooded his eyes!

**APPEAL:** God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and we can trust in His faithful and true promises! Let us worship him with our tithes and offerings!

**PRAYER:** Dear God! We are children of Your possession! Please, accept the offering of our heart and bless us as we approach Your holy presence today!



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