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Reflections on God's Word is an inspirational journey that I highly recommend everyone who desires personal growth and understanding embark upon. Dr. Bell walks readers through God's word in Genesis, and explores the meaning and purpose of each word choice. He shares personal experiences that are relatable and allows the reader to deepen the impact of their own self-reflection. Best of all Dr. Bell simplifies the passages so a full understanding is obtained, and provides encouragement through the darkest instances of confusion, frustration and financial disparity. I hadn't ever reflected on God's EVERY word prior to reading this book. Upon completion, I have a new found desire to reflect on EVERY word in EVERY scripture and allow God to speak to me. This book will open your eyes to a new dimension of thought and understanding of the power and intent of God's words.

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“Reflections of God’s Provision from Genesis – A 30 day devotional” shares real-life examples of how God has provided for Bell and his family over the course of his lifetime. You’ll be reminded of God’s promises and will be encouraged to seek God’s Word for yourself when it comes to your finances. This devotional serves as a guide with actionable next steps as you align your thinking with God’s. I highly recommend this thoughtfully-written devotional.

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## CHAPTER 5 - EARTH WAS A SOUP OF NOTHINGNESS

### *HOW ARE WE HANDLING PLACES OF FINANCIAL LACK?*

Intro: Some of the most exciting, scary and interesting times can come when there is nothing. The feeling of hunger, when there is nothing to eat. The uncomfortable silence, when there is nothing to say. The frustration of a stopped car, when there is no more gas in the gas tank. Experiencing the satisfaction, when there is nothing left on your plate.

Reflection: Here we see a beginning with nothing; a soup (mixture of many things) of nothing. Having various mixtures and still having nothing can be overwhelming or depressing if you don't have the means or faith to move forward. How do we view our bank accounts? When our checking account or emergency account are at zero, do we panic? Are we at peace? Do we take our current situation of lack as an expected lifetime way of living? When the earth was null and void, there was nothing. This situation was temporary and purposeful. God could have created it all in one day, but He did not. He allowed for the nothingness and showed up with His power and might.

Self: There were times in my thirties when my checking account was zero; my emergency account was zero. I had to (and still do) choose to believe that God would provide. He always has, and I have to continue to choose to trust, believe and have faith that He will. In times of nothingness, sometimes I go through an exercise in my mind that reviews how God has

worked in my lineage. My great grandparents had to leave everything in the 1920's in the south to start over with nothing and my single grandparent left an inheritance to my generation. I recall a season of our whole household being jobless and watching as God provided for our needs and desires. God is faithful.

Encouragement: Continue to give and serve Him who is able and will be faithful to His promise and character to be Jehovah Jireh - a great provider.

Prayer: Lord, please continue to give me the wisdom, direction and courage to follow and focus on Your leading. No matter what I see or fear to be a nothingness in my finances, resources or life; that I will trust You.

Next Step: Log or journal times in your life and in your lineage when the end seemed near, or when fear of not being able to have needed resources was abounding; and how God provided. Let these memories encourage you. Share your story with a trusted mentor or friend. There is strength in us sharing our testimony with each other. Allow your testimony and walk with God to encourage you, a mentor or friend.

Scripture:

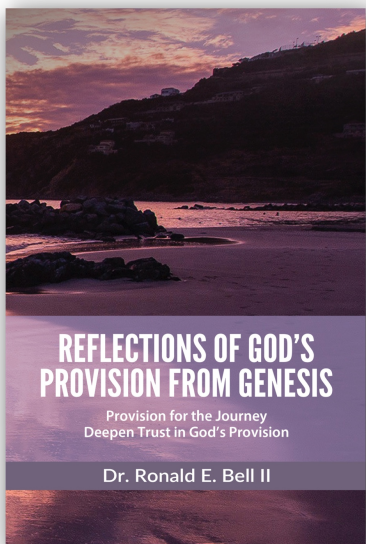
Isaiah 42:5 (AMP)

This is what God the LORD says, He who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its produce, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk on it,



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