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In 2008 my wife and I had been married for just a few months. As an immigrated Canadian married to a North Carolinian, I did not yet have my work visa. I had moved to the Carolinas feeling that God had called me here, but I had no job after leaving my pastorate in Canada. We began to go deeper in debt. In faith, we knew that God had called us together and would surely provide. As months passed, things got tighter. We almost had no way to eat. I remember trying to make a glass of tea last longer in hopes that it would stretch our money. With bills coming in and my wife's meager income, it was time to return tithes and give offerings; but how could we return tithes when we couldn't even feed ourselves?

I cried out, "Lord, if you called me here, why is it so hard?" My wife and I prayed together and felt that God was impressing us to trust Him and He would provide. Trusting in God, we decided to return to God what was His. A few days later a check came from my previous conference, a thank you gift for working for them. The gift was six times what we had returned in tithe and given in offerings. We had no idea that it was coming, but it sure did build our faith.

Over time, God has taken care of us many more times and helped us become better stewards. To be a steward means that we are trusted by God to manage His things. Let us open our hearts trusting that God will be faithful to us as He has been and has promised. Let us fill up the storehouses so that we can be a blessing to those around us as God has blessed us. IT IS ALL OF US IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM.

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