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## HAND ME DOWNS AND LEFTOVERS

When you grow up in a family and are considered poor, you often find yourselves in someone else's hand me downs. It might be clothing, or shoes, or even someone else's furniture, but you use these hand me downs to survive. Very seldom do you have anything new, and when you do, it has to last for a long time. That is how it was in my family.

If I got a new coat, it would be several sizes too big so I could grow into it. This is the way to make something last a long time when you are poor. You do not really think about being poor, you are just thankful for what you have.

As I was thinking about hand me downs, I felt led to make this a spiritual lesson. When Moses led the children through the wilderness their clothing did not wear out and their feet did not "swell" which means grow. (Deuteronomy 8:4.) Can you imagine wearing the same thing for forty years and it did not wear out? That in itself, is quite a miracle.

Then, God sent the manna. It came every day. God provided for two days so they did not have to work on the sabbath. This food from heaven was fresh every day. If they had any leftovers, they turned to worms. God did not want them to be satisfied with "yesterday's bread." God wanted them to have the freshest of fresh daily.

Then we look at Lamentations 3:22-23, ***"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."***

There are no hand me downs or leftovers with God's mercies and faithfulness. We get a fresh new supply daily. Praise God for that! There is more than enough for every child of God! We can take God at His word for this.