

**April 20, 2019**

I grew up in a small coastal town with my single mom and two brothers. While she trusted in God, my mom did tend to worry a little sometimes, especially when it came to the last week before payday and she was not altogether certain where the “milk and bread” money would come from.

On one such occasion, we all went for a walk on the beach late on the Sabbath afternoon. My mom noticed a coin half submerged in the sand. She bent down to pick it up and saw another, and another. We joined her in picking up the several coins -- even a note or two -- hardly believing our eyes. We looked around to see whether there was anyone who should claim the money. We couldn't see anyone. It was certainly enough to cover the cost of bread and milk for the week.

This was one of the ways in which my childhood experiences taught me not to worry about finances, but to first seek God's kingdom. He has never let me down.

The offering today will support our Local Church Budget. Also remember your other offering commitments as well as being faithful in returning God's tithe.