



Series: Give Thanks

Sermon: Part 2: Gratitude In The Darkness

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When it comes to giving thanks, don't just feel thankful but say so.

It is where we thank God, not because of the provision, but because of the Person. It is where our trust is not in the blessing but in the Blessor.

A _____ of gratitude is being thankful to God no matter the circumstance.

We can be obedient to God and still face storms, trials, and tough predicaments.

"They have credited David with tens of thousands, but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" (1 Samuel 18:8)

His hope is not in the tangible blessings that he had from God, but rather, David's hope is in _____ alone.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to You for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of Your wings until the danger passes by. I cry out to God Most High, to God Who will fulfill His purpose for me. He will send help from Heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me. My God will send forth His unfailing love and faithfulness. I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey - whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords. Be exalted, O God, above the highest Heavens! May Your glory shine over all the Earth. My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress. They have dug a deep pit in my path, but they themselves have fallen into it. My heart is confident in You, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing Your praises! Wake up, my heart! Wake up, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song. I will thank You, Lord, among all the people. I will sing Your praises among the nations. For Your unfailing love is as high as the Heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the highest Heavens. May Your glory shine over all the Earth. (Psalm 57:1-11)

David trusts in faith that God will take care of him because God has taken care of David before and will do it again.

David refused to put his faith in the appearances of the circumstances, but instead David chose to have faith in who God is and all that God had promised to those who believe in Him.

David's circumstances didn't change at all, but his _____ did, which allowed for David to be able to give thanks and praise to the One Who would care for him.



_____ thanks: choosing to be thankful and praise God regardless of what we are facing because God is our source and we know that He will see us through

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

In every situation that we find ourselves in, we can still be thankful for God's presence and for the good that He will accomplish in our lives through that situation and in this world because He loves us.

Practicing Gratitude In Our Lives:

1. Practice gratitude in your prayers to God for the _____ that you see
How may you thank God today:

2. Practice gratitude for _____ around you
Who will you need to thank and how will you do so today:

3. Practice a lifestyle of gratitude in your prayers to God for Who He is, _____
when you don't see the blessing or get what you want

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. Habakkuk 3:17-18

Bottom Line: *Whatever we have: give thanks. Whatever is done for us: give thanks. Whatever circumstances we find ourselves in: give thanks.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. Is your attitude usually: One of no gratitude? An attitude of gratitude? Or a lifestyle of gratitude?*
- 2. What makes it challenging for you to give thanks to God and others on a regular basis?*
- 3. How may you thank God for who He is today, even in your unknowns?*

Songs used in service: Hymn of Heaven (Phil Wickham), Behold The Lamb (Passion & Kristian Stanfill), Run To The Father (Cody Carnes), Praise You Anywhere (Brandon Lake)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?