

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK NINE | A HEART OF GRATITUDE

FRIDAY

Gratitude in Every Season

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Habakkuk 3:17-18

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

KEY TRUTH

Our deepest gratitude rests in who God is, not only in what our circumstances provide.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! Habakkuk describes a season when every visible source of security has failed. The fields are empty, the harvest is gone, and the future appears uncertain.

His response is not denial. He sees the loss clearly, yet he chooses to rejoice in the Lord and find joy in the God of his salvation.

Circumstantial gratitude says, 'I am thankful because life is going well.' Biblical gratitude says, 'I will thank God because His character, salvation, presence, and promises remain.'
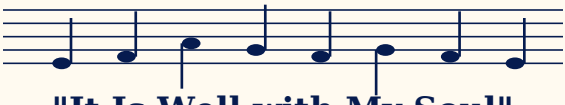
If this is a difficult season, bring God your honest grief and your deliberate praise. The harvest may change, but the Savior does not. When temporary supports fail, eternal grace still gives the heart a reason to rejoice.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read Habakkuk 3:17-19.**
2. **Acknowledge one present disappointment.**
3. **Name one unchanging truth about God.**
4. **Spend five minutes praising through the pain.**
5. **Encourage someone in a hard season.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"It Is Well with My Soul"
- Horatio G. Spafford

"It is well, it is well."

Peace grows when the soul anchors its confidence in Christ rather than in changing circumstances.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Sit with someone who is hurting. Offer presence before advice, then gently remind them of one unchanging promise.

PRAYER

God of my salvation, You remain faithful when visible blessings are few. Meet me in disappointment and teach me to rejoice in who You are. Let honest sorrow and genuine praise live together as I trust Your unchanging grace. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

The strongest gratitude is not built upon a full field, but upon an unchanging God.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

Week Nine | Saturday | The Sacrifice of Praise | Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!