

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK NINE | A HEART OF GRATITUDE

MONDAY

A Heart of Gratitude

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:18

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

KEY TRUTH

Gratitude is a daily choice to recognize God's goodness in every circumstance.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! Gratitude does not wait until every problem disappears. It begins by recognizing that God remains good, present, and faithful in every circumstance.

Paul does not tell us to give thanks for everything as though pain were pleasant or evil were good. He tells us to give thanks in everything because no circumstance can remove us from God's care.

A grateful heart remembers grace. It notices daily mercies, receives ordinary blessings as gifts, and refuses to let one disappointment erase the evidence of God's faithfulness.

Begin this week by naming what God has done. Thank Him for salvation, Scripture, prayer, people, provision, and strength for today. Gratitude will not deny your burden, but it will keep the burden from hiding your God.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.**
2. **Write down five gifts from God.**
3. **Thank God before asking for anything.**
4. **Spend five minutes praising His faithfulness.**
5. **Tell someone why you thank God for them.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Count Your Blessings"
- Johnson Oatman Jr.

"Count your blessings, name them one by one."

Remembering God's gifts turns our attention from what is missing to the faithfulness already surrounding us.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Begin a conversation with appreciation today. Name a specific way someone has blessed your life and thank them sincerely.

PRAYER

Father, open my eyes to Your goodness. Forgive me for allowing complaints to overshadow grace. Teach me to give thanks in every circumstance, trust Your heart when I do not understand, and remember the blessings You provide each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Gratitude does not pretend life is easy; it declares that God is faithful in the middle of it.

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 | Tuesday | Remember His Benefits | Psalm 103:2 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

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