

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK NINE | A HEART OF GRATITUDE

THURSDAY

Thankful for God's People

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Philippians 1:3

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,"

KEY TRUTH

God often delivers His encouragement, care, and strength through the people He places around us.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! Some of God's greatest gifts arrive with names and faces. Family, church members, teachers, friends, and faithful encouragers become instruments of His grace.

Paul remembered the Philippian believers with gratitude because they had shared in the Gospel and stood with him in ministry. Their partnership was a gift from God.

Familiarity can make us overlook faithful people. We notice what they forgot more quickly than the sacrifices they consistently make.

Choose gratitude over assumption today. Think of someone whose prayers, service, patience, or example has strengthened your walk with Christ. Thank God for them, and then let them hear your appreciation while you still have the opportunity.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read Philippians 1:3-5.**
2. **Name three people God has used.**
3. **Thank God for each person specifically.**
4. **Spend five minutes writing encouragement.**
5. **Deliver your thanks today.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
- John Fawcett

"Blest be the tie that binds."
Christian fellowship is a gracious bond through which God supplies encouragement, comfort, and shared strength.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Express appreciation specifically. Tell someone what they did, how it helped, and why you thank God for them.

PRAYER

Father, thank You for the people You have placed in my life. Forgive me for taking their love and service for granted. Help me encourage them, pray for them, serve beside them, and express sincere appreciation for the grace You give through them. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

One of the best ways to thank God for people is to make sure those people know they are appreciated.

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 | Friday | Gratitude in Every Season | Habakkuk 3:17-18 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

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