

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK TWELVE | THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

TUESDAY

Giving Thanks in Everything

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

We may not thank God for every circumstance, but we can trust and thank Him in every circumstance.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! Some days make thanksgiving easy. Other days bring disappointment, grief, uncertainty, and questions we cannot answer.

Paul does not say that every circumstance is good. He tells us to give thanks in every thing. Even in difficulty, we can thank God for His presence, promises, wisdom, strength, and unchanging love.

Gratitude keeps pain from becoming our only perspective. It does not deny sorrow; it invites faith into sorrow. Thanksgiving reminds us that the trouble is real, but it is not greater than the God who walks with us.

Choose gratitude before your feelings agree. Find one reason to thank God in the place that feels hardest. That small act of faith can open the heart to peace, courage, and renewed confidence in Him.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.**
2. **Identify one difficult circumstance.**
3. **Find one reason to thank God within it.**
4. **Spend five minutes praising God for His presence.**
5. **Replace one complaint with a statement of faith.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



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

"Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well."

Faith gives thanks not because every circumstance is easy, but because Christ remains faithful through it all.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Encourage someone facing difficulty. Acknowledge their struggle and remind them of one reason God's faithfulness can still be trusted.

PRAYER

Lord, teach me to give thanks in every circumstance. When life is difficult, keep pain from becoming my only perspective. Help me recognize Your presence, trust Your wisdom, and praise Your unchanging character. Replace complaint with faith and fear with gratitude. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Thanksgiving in trouble is not denial; it is faith declaring that the trouble will not have the final word.

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 Twelve | Wednesday | Remembering His Benefits | Psalm 103:2 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

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