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The Importance of Gratitude

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1 Thessalonians 5:18, Psalm 100

The Bible does not command us to _____ in all circumstances. Instead, it commands us to _____ in all circumstances.

Paul is not saying to give thanks _____ everything. He is saying to give thanks _____ everything.

Gratitude is a posture of trust. It's choosing to remember:

1. God's _____ yesterday
2. God's _____ today
3. God's _____ for tomorrow

What are you grateful for?

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What is the best celebration you have ever been a part of? What made it so incredible?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Why is it important to understand that Paul is not saying to feel thankful in all circumstances but to give thanks in all circumstances? What is the difference?
4. How does giving thanks 'for' everything differ from giving thanks 'in' everything?
5. How can we give thanks in everything? What principles from the Bible can help us to do this? Consider Eph 5:20 and Phil 4:6.
6. How can gratitude be a posture of trust in God?
7. Make a list of what you are grateful for.
8. What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, or pray about?
9. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (1 Thessalonians 5:18, Psalm 100) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?