

BE THANKFUL

"When my life runs into Jesus" p.4

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Bonus Encounter: (Luke 11)

"As He entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'..."

"Comfort those who are frightened. Take care of those who are weak and be patient with everyone. See that no one pays back evil for evil but always try to do good to each other and to everyone else. Always be joyful. Always keep on praying. No matter what happens always be thankful for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thess 5:14-18

3 results of thankfulness

1. Thankfulness refocuses my perspective.

"Accept my grateful thanks and teach me Your desires."

2. Thankfulness refreshes our heart.

Psalm 95:2-8 says *"Come before Him with thankful hearts. Don't harden your heart as Israel did in the wilderness."*

3. Thankfulness reminds me of God's goodness.

When you're a thankful person you're always brought back to what God has done for you and who God is. Psalm 7:17 *"O how grateful and thankful I am to the Lord because He is good."* He is good!

3 reasons why God is good- we need to focus on and be thankful about this

1. God is good because He gives us free gifts.

Ephesians 2:4-5 *"But God is so rich in mercy, He loves us so much that He gave us back our lives again when He raised Christ from the dead. Only by His undeserved favor have we ever been saved."*

2. God is good because of His unconditional love.

3. God is good because of eternal life.

Colossians 1:12 *"And always thankful to the father who made us fit to share all the wonderful things that belong to those who live in the kingdom."*

Three actions steps:

1. Make thankfulness an attitude

Psalm 192:1-2 *"It is good to say thank You to the Lord every morning telling Him 'Thank You for Your kindness.' And every evening rejoice in all His faithfulness."* A thankful attitude rises above circumstances.

2. Make an inventory of why you're thankful.

James 5:13 says *"And those who have reason to be thankful should continually be singing praises to the Lord."*

3. Make God the source of your thankfulness.

Hebrews 12:28 says *"Since we have a kingdom nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving Him with thankful hearts and with holy fear and awe."*