

Day 4: Resting in the Father's Delight

The words “*Fear not*” flow from the heart of a Father who delights to give you His Kingdom. God’s pleasure, not your performance, is the foundation of peace. Let that truth sink in: the Sovereign Lord takes joy in your belonging to Him. Whatever you face today—financial pressure, relational strain, physical weakness—begin here: *The Father delights in me*. Let His joy quiet your fear. Confidence in His care frees you to live with open hands and a grateful heart.

Day 5: Reordering Treasure and Heart

Read and Reflect: Luke 12:33-34

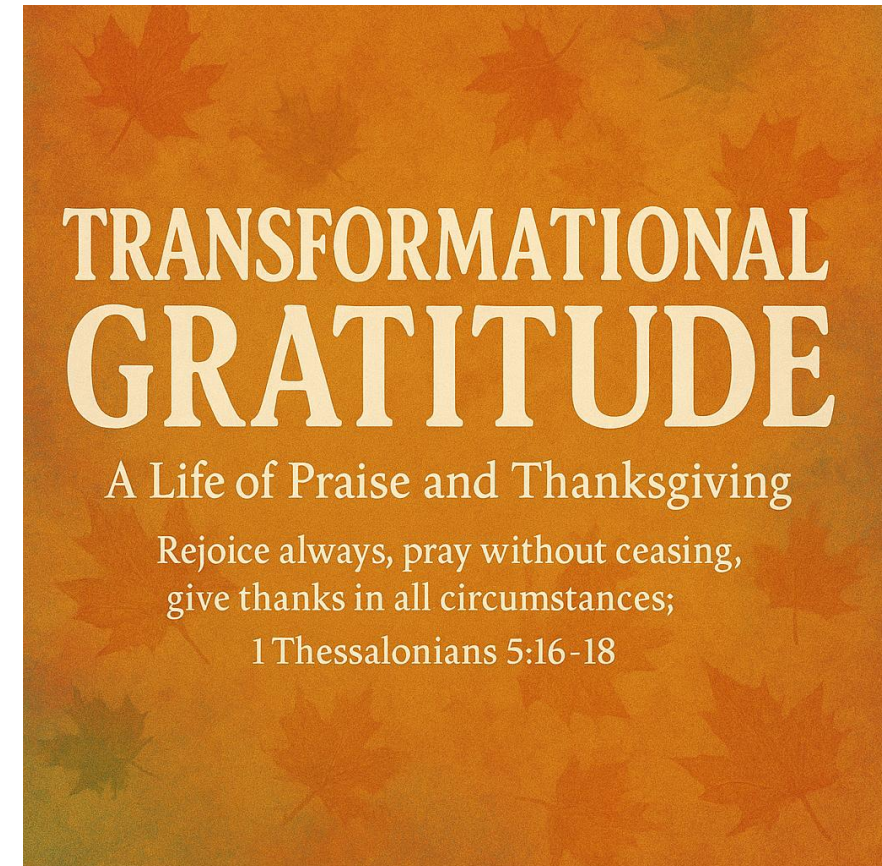
Your heart follows your treasure. Whatever you cling to—time, money, control, reputation—will shape your direction and devotion. Jesus calls us to invest in what cannot fade: the treasures of His Kingdom. Think about where your energy, resources, and affection have been going. Are they leading your heart closer to Christ or further into anxiety? Choose one tangible act of generosity this week that says, “*My trust is in the Father who provides*.” As you loosen your grip on temporary things, you’ll find your heart growing lighter and freer.

Series Memory Verses:

“¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing,

¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



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TRANSFORMATIONAL GRATITUDE:
Reordering Our Priorities
Luke 12:22-24

SERMON NOTES

Big Idea: Jesus frees us from anxious striving by inviting us to trust the Father’s care and seek His Kingdom first.

Addressing Anxious Ambition (v. 22-23)

- Anxiety divides the mind and consumes the heart.
- Jesus reminds us: “*Life is more than food and the body more than clothing.*”
- True life is not secured by striving, but received through trusting Christ.

Examples of God’s Faithful Care (v. 24-28)

- “*Consider the ravens...consider the lilies...*”
- Creation preaches a daily sermon that God faithful provides.
- Worry says: “It’s all on me.” Faith says: “My Father knows, cares, and provides.”

The Source of Sought Satisfaction (v. 29-31)

- What we seek reveals what we believe will satisfy.
- Lesser seeking leads to anxiety; greater seeking leads to peace.
- “*Seek His Kingdom, and all these things will be added to you.*”

Trust God’s Good Pleasure (v. 32-34)

- “*Fear not, little flock...*” – You are cared for, known, and secure.
- The Father delights to give, not demand.
- Possessions lose their power when we rest in the Father’s joy.
- Where your treasure is, there your heart will follow.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Releasing Anxious Ambition

Read and Reflect: Luke 12:22-23

Anxiety often begins in the mind before it settles in the heart. Jesus tells us not to be anxious—not because our needs are unimportant, but because our lives are worth more than what we can provide for ourselves. When worry consumes our thoughts, our world becomes small and self-focused. Pause today to identify one concern that repeatedly occupies your mind. Picture Jesus lifting your chin to remind you that your life is more than that concern. What might it look like to hand Him the burden you’ve been carrying?

Day 2: Remembering the Father’s Care

When anxiety tightens its grip, Jesus invites us to *consider*—to pause and look at the world through the lens of God’s provision. Ravens do not plant or store food, yet they never go hungry. Lilies do not labor, yet they radiate beauty. Creation is God’s daily sermon about His faithfulness. Step outside today—look at the sky, the trees, the smallest detail of nature—and let it remind you that God’s care extends far beyond what you can see. If He feeds and clothes the least, how much more will He provide for you, His beloved child?

Day 3: Redirecting What You Seek

We are always seeking something—security, comfort, approval, success. Jesus doesn’t condemn desire; He redirects it. When we chase lesser treasures, our peace evaporates. When we seek first His Kingdom, we discover that everything essential is already held in His hands. Reflect on what you’ve been striving for lately. Has it left you anxious or content? Ask the Spirit to realign your desires so that your daily routines, goals, and generosity reflect the priorities of your King.