

Day 4: Love that Abounds with Wisdom

Read and Reflect: Philippians 1:9-10

Love isn't blind—it is informed by truth and wisdom. Gratitude forms Christ-like love that chooses what is excellent, not just good.

- ❖ Ask God to reveal one relationship and situation where you need to love with both compassion and discernment.
- ❖ Pray, trust, and obey what God shows you.

Day 5: Fruit that Glorifies God

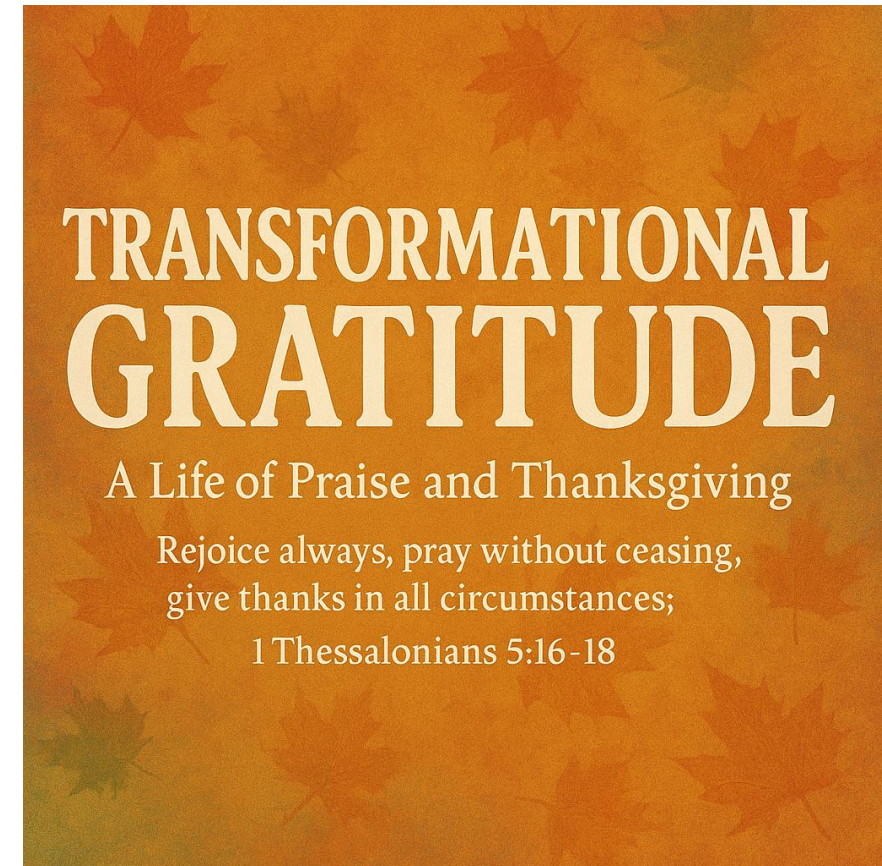
Read and Reflect: Philippians 1:11

God desires to make our lives orchards of righteousness—bearing fruit that Christ produces for God's glory.

- ❖ What fruit is Christ producing in me right now? (patience, humility, generosity, prayerfulness, self-control, etc.)
- ❖ Surrender your heart as fresh soil to Him today.

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:
Renewing Our Joy
Philippians 1:3-11

SERMON NOTES

The Settled Gladness of Christian Joy

- Joy isn't a mood or personality trait—it's settled gladness in God's character and work of.
- Christian joy is rooted in grace, resilient in suffering, and renewed in prayer.
- Gratitude clears the lens of the heart leading to renewed joy.

A Working Definition of Gratitude

Gratitude is the believer's glad response to God's grace—recognizing who He is, remembering what He has done, and responding with joy, praise, and faith-filled obedience.

Remembering that Leads to Rejoicing (v. 3-6)

- Koinonia = shared life, shared mission, shared cost in Christ.
- Remembering God's work in each other rekindles joy.
- Gratitude shifts our gaze from our situation to God's sovereignty, from our performance to His perseverance.

Cherishing that Leads to Caring (v. 7-8)

- Grace is not only God's attitude toward us—it is His action for us and His work in us.
- Gratitude warms the heart with Christ-shaped affection for His people.
- Spirit-formed affection strengthens the Body and becomes a witness to a world hungry for connection.

Growing Love Experienced (v. 9-11)

- Christian love is truth-guided, wisdom-shaped, and Christ-like.
- Gratitude sharpens discernment and sweetens motives.
- God desires our lives to be orchards of righteousness—bearing fruit in Christ.

A Family Shaped by Gratitude

- We are pilgrims on the same road—held by grace, growing in love, sent with joy.
- A grateful church becomes a radiant witness in a joy-starved world.
- Gratitude is contagious; notice grace→name grace →nurture grace

God will complete His good work in us—and that is reason for great joy!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Remembering with Gratitude

Read and Reflect: Philippians 1:3-5

Paul's joy ignites as he remembers God's people. Gratitude often begins by simply pausing to remember grace received through others.

- ❖ Write down the names of three believers God has used to strengthen your faith.
- ❖ Thank God for each by name in prayer.

Day 2: Confidence in the God Who Finishes

Read and Reflect: Philippians 1:6

Christian joy rests not in our progress, but in God's promise. He always finishes what He starts.

- ❖ Identify one area where you struggle to believe God is still at work.
- ❖ Pray this verse over that area and surrender it to Christ's care.

Day 3: Seeing Grace in Others

Read and Reflect: Philippians 1:7-8

Grace seen in others fuels affection. Gratitude trains us to notice Christ's work in His people rather than flaws and frustrations.

- ❖ Encourage one believer today.
- ❖ Tell them specifically where you see God's grace at work in them.