

GIVING THANKS TO THE GOD OF THE TURN AROUND

Part three of the series: *Made For This Moment*

“And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
Ephesians 6:12 ESV

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, “What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?” And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Esther 7:1-6 ESV

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV

Rejoice always

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:3-4 ESV

Always pray

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints... Ephesians 6:18 ESV

Always give thanks to God

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Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your Grace Group. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

WARM-UP: What are you thankful for this year? What was difficult this year, but you’re still thankful for?

REVIEW: God is the God of the turn around. When things seem like they are going in the wrong direction and God seems silent, perhaps God is waiting for us to call on Him so He can meet us where we’re at and lead us to turn things around. Regardless, the storms and difficult challenges that we go through in life are not just to sharpen us. They also give us the opportunity to draw near to God and walk with Him at a “whole nother” level. Let’s learn to give thanks in all circumstances. Review your message notes from the message this weekend from the book of Esther and be ready to apply what you’ve read to your own personal life.

APPLY: What stood out to you from this past Sunday’s message/the Scriptures we just read? How will you apply that to your life? // We are called to give thanks in all circumstances. Why do you think that is? Where/when do you find difficulty in giving thanks? // God is the God of the turn around. Where in your life do you feel it’s going in the wrong direction and need God’s help to turn things around?

PRAY: Pray for those on your “VIP 5x5”. Invite others to Sunday service this weekend and to Group next week. Pray for one another to activate their faith and see God move miraculously. Let’s also believe God in prayer for one another’s needs in the group.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Bible Reading

- November 21:** Ezekiel 16-17, James 3
- November 22:** Ezekiel 18-19, James 4
- November 23:** Ezekiel 20-21, James 5
- November 24:** Ezekiel 22-23, 1 Peter 1
- November 25:** Ezekiel 24-26, 1 Peter 2
- November 26:** Ezekiel 27-29, 1 Peter 3
- November 27:** Ezekiel 30-32, 1 Peter 4
- November 28:** Ezekiel 33-34, 1 Peter 5

