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Give Thanks #1

Let Being Thankful Power You Forward!

"A **thankful spirit** that's resilient and empowers does not begin with our fulfilled dreams or avoided trials. Rather, it develops alongside deep struggles and longings, celebrating dependence on God Almighty and his love, grace, and mercy uniquely revealed in Jesus Christ. **That's how** every breath, heartbeat, relationship, responsibility, and resource becomes fertile opportunity to share in and share God's reality in Jesus Christ. Here is fulfillment and the power to overcome!"

Daniel- facing unjust and destructive power...

When **Daniel** learned the decree had been published, he went home...
Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed,
giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Daniel 6:10

Jesus- facing great need with limited visible resources...

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven,
Jesus gave thanks and broke them. Then he **gave them** to
the disciples to distribute to the people.

Luke 9:16

Give thanks to the Lord, for **he is good**;
his love endures forever.

Psalm 106:1, 107:1, 118:29

⁸ But God **demonstrates his own love for us** in this:
While we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**.

Romans 5:8

¹⁴ We know that God, who **raised the Lord Jesus**,
will also **raise us with Jesus** and present us to himself
together with you. ¹⁵ All of this is for your benefit.
As **God's grace reaches more and more people**,
there will be **great thanksgiving...**

2 Corinthians 4:14-15

Stay focused on God's great love victory!

⁶ On this mountain (Mount Zion) the LORD Almighty will
prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a **banquet**
of aged wine- the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that
enfolds **all peoples**, the sheet that covers **all nations**;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD
will wipe away the tears from **all faces**; he will
remove his people's disgrace from **all the earth**.
The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Isaiah 25:6-9

Look forward to God's great love feast!

Crossroads Church

Discovering Life Connected with God!

Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ
connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission
through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment
to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves,
according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

Our Commitment

Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that
actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission
to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"