## DIGGING DEEPER



## **Spreading Gratitude**

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This powerful message reminds us that gratitude isn't meant to be kept to ourselves—it's designed to spread like wildflowers, transforming everything it touches. Just as viola flowers don't stay confined to their original planting bed but spread seeds everywhere they go, our testimonies of God's faithfulness are meant to overflow into the lives of others. We're called to be light in darkness, and even a single match can illuminate an entire room. The message draws from Psalm 107, which urges the redeemed to speak out and tell others what God has done. Through deeply personal stories—from a son recognizing God's strength working through his mother during impossible circumstances, to a lifetime of faithfulness spanning decades, to miraculous healing and deliverance from addiction—we see how sharing our experiences becomes spiritual warfare. Revelation 12:11 tells us we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. When we vulnerably share our struggles and God's faithfulness through them, we break the power of isolation and shame in others' lives. We don't need polished sermons or perfect answers; we simply need to share what God has done. Our lives themselves become the message that draws people to Christ, dispelling darkness wherever we go.

01.	Parker shared how God worked through his mother during their difficult housing situation. How have you seen God work through someone else in your life during a challenging time?	02.	Joan emphasized that 'jobs end, houses burn, babies die, but God is faithful.' How does this perspective challenge or encourage you when facing loss or uncertainty?
03.	The sermon mentions that sharing our testimony has spiritual power to overcome the devil's schemes according to Revelation 12:11. What makes personal testimony such a powerful spiritual weapon?	04.	Brittani described begging God to let her mission on earth continue when facing a life-threatening medical crisis. How does viewing your life as having a God-given mission change the way you approach daily challenges?
05.	Pearce shared his journey to sobriety and recognized alcohol had become like a god to him. What things in modern life can subtly replace our dependence on God, and how do we recognize when this is happening?	06.	Joan spoke about how the light of one match can dispel complete darkness, comparing it to how our testimonies bring light to others. Who in your life might be sitting in darkness and needing to hear your story of God's faithfulness?
07.	The sermon emphasized that contentment and gratitude spread like seeds from viola flowers, growing everywhere. In what practical ways can you intentionally spread gratitude to others this week?	08.	Hayden shared gratitude for God's never-ending forgiveness, referencing the song about the prodigal son and God throwing a party. Why is it so difficult to believe we deserve celebration when we return to God after falling away?
09.	Joan mentioned the verse 'Great peace have those who love thy law and nothing shall offend them' from Psalm 119:165. How does loving God's word protect us from being easily offended in our relationships?	10.	Matthew 5:16 instructs us to let our light shine so others may see our good works and glorify God.  How can we share our stories in ways that point to God rather than drawing attention to ourselves?

Remember...

"Our testimony has the power to overcome the devil's schemes. Telling others about the things we have gone through takes the power of loneliness away from other people who have gone through things that we're experiencing."