

Sermon Title: Gratitude

Sermon Series: Your Confidence

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:2-3

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“say please and thank you?”

Gratitude

Why is gratitude so _____ for confidence?

“When you lack gratitude, you lose confidence because something is always missing and you don’t know what it is — but you know it’s more of something.”

—Dan Reiland – Confident Leader p.61

“What is missing from your life?”

Deuteronomy 8:10a ESV

10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall **ble**ss the Lord your God...

1. Gratitude Grows From _____

Deuteronomy 8:1 ESV

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers.

Luke 11:28 ESV

But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Where are you struggling with obeying God?

2. Gratitude _____ Grace in the tough times

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 ESV

2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

“Faith [and confidence in God] wasn’t formed on full bellies and sated stomachs. It was formed as the people grew to depend on the manna that fell from the sky six mornings a week—a provision that always proved sufficient, no matter how much was gathered.”

—Jen Michel – <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/gratitude-dangers-good-life/>

Tough times allow you to see God’s provision

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James 1:2 ESV

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

3. Gratitude Gives _____ in Prosperity

Deuteronomy 8:7-10 ESV

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

We think prosperity will make us grateful

Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17 ESV

11 "Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, 12 lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, 13 and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...17 Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'

Prosperity without gratitude will make us prideful

Philippians 4:12-13 ESV

12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

_____ toward God gives us _____ that we have all we need from God