



THANKS (FOR) GIVING

Series Title: *Thanks (for) Giving*

Series Description:

Thanksgiving isn't just a feeling — it's a faithful response to the God who gives. When we learn to thank Him for what He's given, our lives, our relationships, and our understanding of God are transformed.

Week 1: The Power of a Thankful Heart

Message Description:

A thankful heart changes everything. Gratitude opens the door to God's presence, brings peace in every situation, and deepens our faith. When we choose to thank God, even in hardship, He changes our hearts and makes us whole.

Key Texts:

Psalm 100:4–5; Philippians 4:6–7; Luke 17:11–19

Message Outline:

1. Thanksgiving opens the door to God's presence

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving..." — Psalm 100:4–5

Gratitude is a key that unlocks worship and ushers us into God's presence. When we thank Him first, we stop striving for our own answers and start walking in His peace.

2. Thanksgiving shifts our perspective

"Pray about everything... and thank Him for all He has done." — Philippians 4:6–7

Gratitude moves us from self-focus to God-focus. It reminds us to fix our thoughts on what is true, good, and praiseworthy — and experience His peace.

3. Thanksgiving makes us whole

“One returned... giving thanks to God.” — Luke 17:15–19

Ten were healed, but one was made whole. Gratitude completes the miracle by transforming our hearts and drawing us closer to Christ.

Reflection:

- How does gratitude shift your focus during hard times?
- What's one area where you can choose thanksgiving instead of complaint this week?

Challenge: Keep a “gratitude journal” — write one thing each day you’re thankful for.