

A scenic autumn landscape featuring a river flowing through a forest. The trees are covered in vibrant orange and yellow foliage. Several large, detailed leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow are scattered across the scene, some appearing to be falling. The word "Thankful" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script in a golden-yellow color, centered over a black rectangular background that spans the width of the image.

Thankful



Our church has so many
reasons to **give thanks!**

2021

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BAPTISMS

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NEW MEMBERS

EXPRESSIONS OF A

Expressive Praise

Expressing gratitude in praise & worship

Remarkable Focus

Focus on what's gained, not lost

Willingness to Serve

"We don't have to, we get to"

Joyful Generosity

Believing that we can't "out-give God"

Evangelistic Mindset

Ready to share the news of God's grace

Thankful
Church

#REMARKABLECHURCH



**Thankfulness is
very important to God**

A THEOLOGY OF

Thankfulness

5 ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL GRATITUDE

A THEOLOGY OF

Thankfulness



Flows from a correct

PERSPECTIVE

Connected with

PRAISE

Leads to

PEACE

Phil 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

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**To praise God is to call
attention to his glory.**

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Psalm 95:2

**"Let us come into his
presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to
him with songs of praise!"**

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Eph 1:16

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers"

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PERSISTENT

A THEOLOGY OF

Thankfulness



1 Thess 5:16-18

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances; for this
is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Flows from a correct

PERSPECTIVE

Connected with

PRAISE

Leads to

PEACE

Meant to be

PERSISTENT

Divinely

PRESCRIBED



The Thankful Samaritan

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing
along between **Samaria** and **Galilee**.

And as he entered a village, he was met by
ten lepers, who stood **at a distance**

Luke 17:11-12

Leprosy

A long journey towards death

Relational death

Religious death

Death of dignity



and lifted up their voices, saying,
“Jesus, **Master**, have **mercy** on us.”

Luke 17:13

When he saw them
he said to them, “Go and show
yourselves to the priests.”

Luke 17:14

...And as they went
they were **cleansed**.
“Nothing was left”

Luke 17:14

Then one of them, when he saw
that he was healed, **turned back,**

Luke 17:15

praising God with a loud voice;
and he **fell on his face** at Jesus'
feet, **giving** him **thanks**.

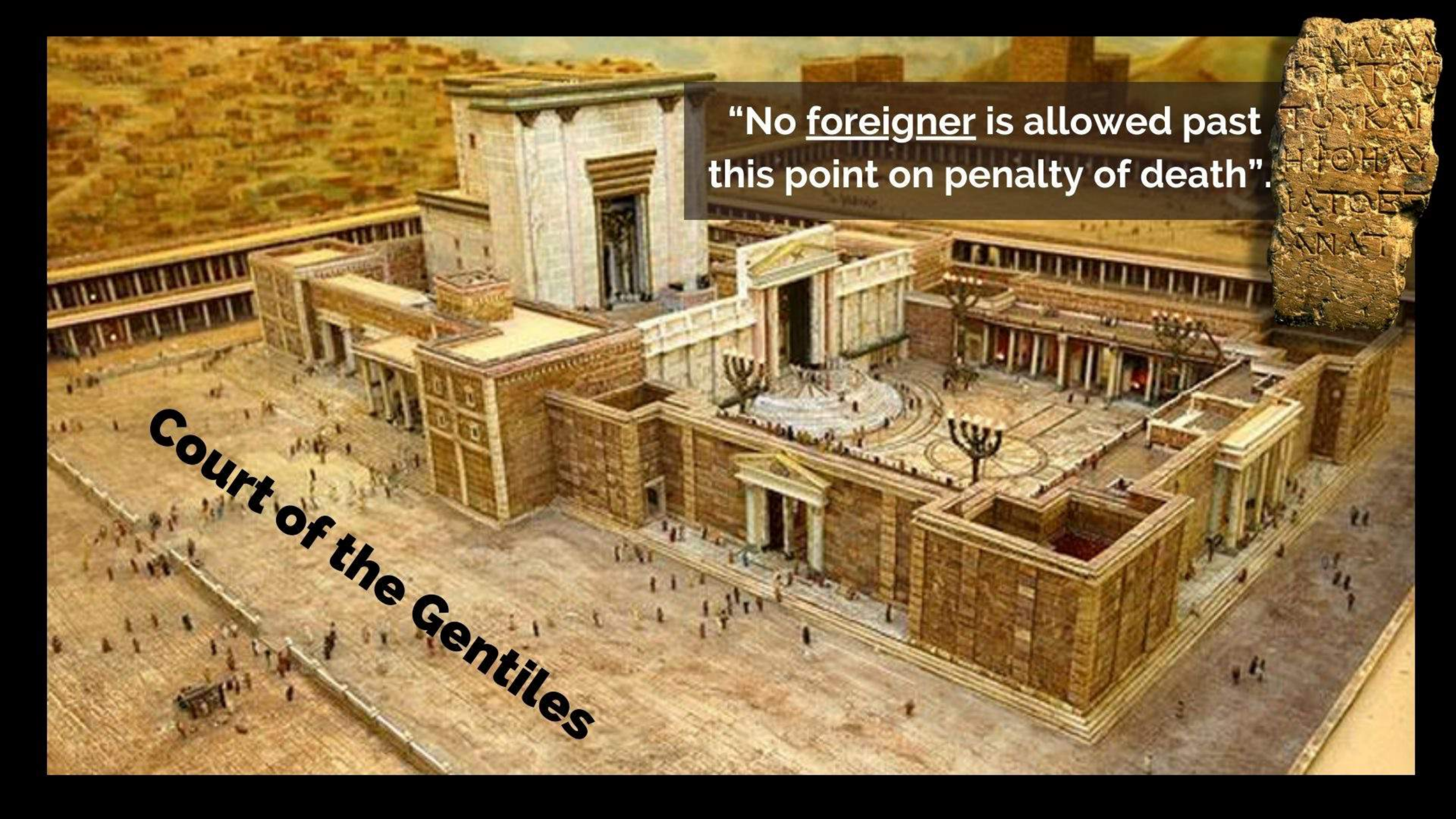
Luke 17:16



HOW OFTEN DO WE **TURN
BACK TO GIVE THANKS FOR
GOD'S MERCY?**

...Now he was a **Samaritan**.
"Foreigner"

Luke 17:16



"No foreigner is allowed past
this point on penalty of death".



Court of the Gentiles

Then Jesus answered,
“Were not **ten** cleansed? Where are the
nine? “Was no one found to return and
give praise to God except this
foreigner?”

Luke 17:17-18



And he said to him, “Rise and go your
way; your faith has **made you well.**”
“Saved you”

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MAY HAVE POSSESSED

Gratitude

"The quality of being thankful"

A MINDSET

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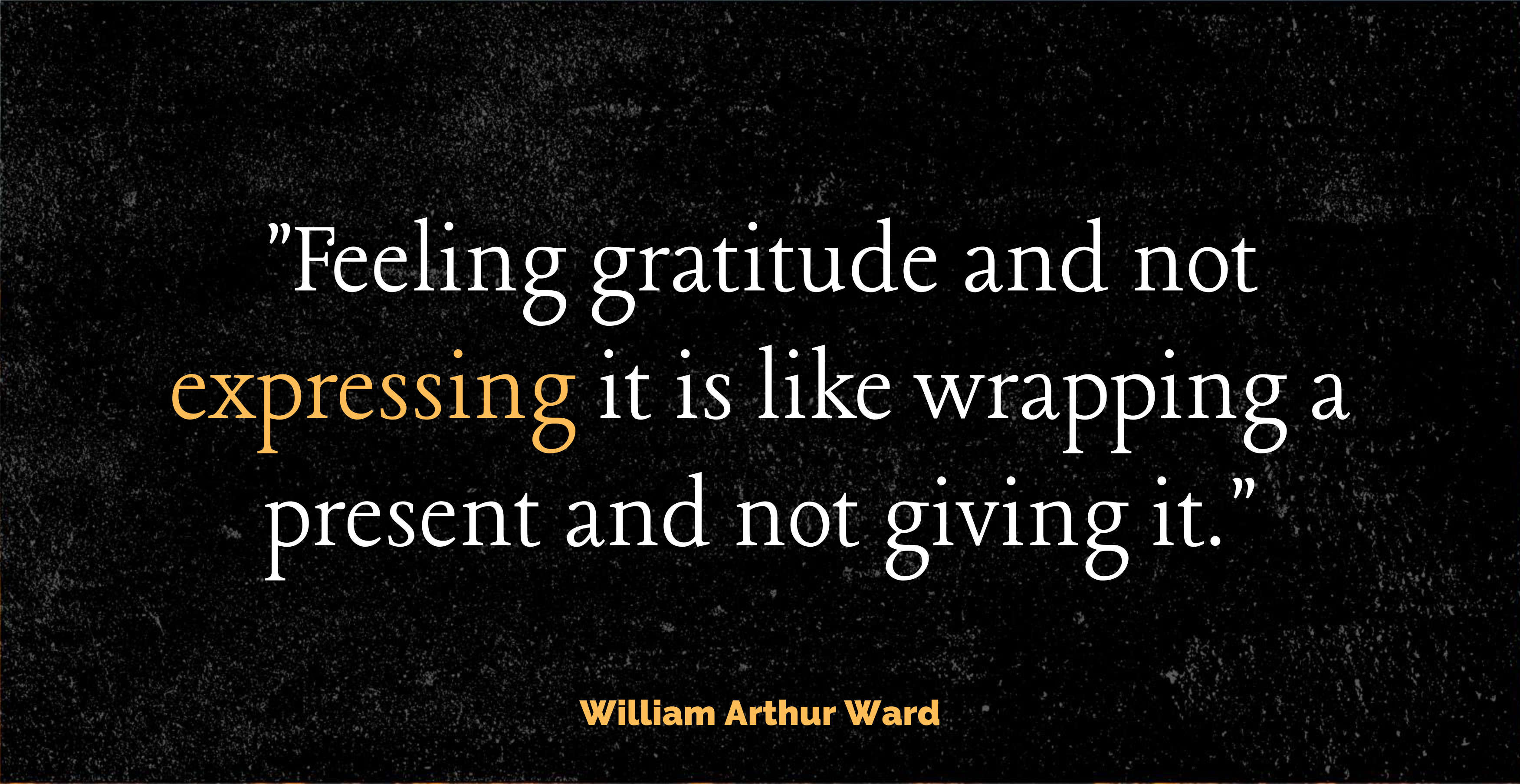
TURNED BACK & GAVE

Thanks

"An expression of gratitude"

AN EXPRESSION





“Feeling gratitude and not
expressing it is like wrapping a
present and not giving it.”

William Arthur Ward



**GRATITUDE IS A GIFT
MEANT TO BE GIVEN**

#GIVETHANKS

Tell someone in person

Tell them why you're grateful for them

Write a thank you card

Send a card or do a social post of gratitude

Give a gift

A physical display of gratitude

Send a message

A simple text message can go a long way

Serve them

Gratitude in ACTION

BE THE 1

CHALLENGE

#Bethe1challenge

Thank You