God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Blessed Beyond What We Deserve

Speakers: Rob Riedel, Christine Riedel, Wendell Walton, Julie Pedroza, Donnie Thomas, Jackie Thomas, Jill Smith

Highlighted Scripture

- **James 1:17**
  Every good and perfect gift comes from God, the unchanging Father who faithfully provides for His children.

- **Matthew 4:1–11**
  Wendell references Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, where Jesus resisted Satan by relying on God's Word rather than satisfying temporary physical needs.

- **Philippians 4:11–13**
  Wendell's discussion of contentment reflects Paul's teaching about learning to be content in every circumstance through Christ's strength.

Discussion Questions

• Several speakers expressed gratitude for salvation before mentioning any earthly blessings. Why is that an important perspective?

• Wendell distinguished between tangible blessings and intangible blessings. Which type do you tend to notice most often?

• Jill shared how understanding God's heart changed her relationship with Him. How does our view of God affect the way we respond during difficult seasons?

• How have Christian friendships and community strengthened your faith?

• Looking back over the past year, where have you seen God's faithfulness in ways you may have overlooked at the time?

Reflection Challenge

Intentionally recognize the blessings God has already placed in your life.

Ask yourself:

• Am I more focused on what I lack or on what God has already provided?

• Which spiritual blessings have I begun to take for granted?

• How can I encourage someone else by sharing what God has done in my life?

Try this:

• Write down five blessings that have nothing to do with material possessions.

• Thank God specifically for His gift of salvation and His daily faithfulness.

• Reach out to someone who has encouraged your walk with Christ and express your appreciation.

• Share one testimony of God's goodness with a family member or friend this week.

Remember

• Every good gift ultimately comes from God.

• Contentment grows when we appreciate what God has already provided.

• Christian community is one of God's greatest blessings.

• God's greatest gift is not what He gives us—it is the relationship we have with Him through Christ.

• Gratitude shifts our focus from temporary circumstances to God's enduring faithfulness.

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for the countless ways You have blessed my life. Thank You for salvation, for Your daily faithfulness, and for the people You have placed around me to encourage my walk with You. Teach me to be content with what You have provided and to recognize both the visible and unseen

blessings You pour into my life. May my heart overflow with gratitude, and may my life reflect Your goodness to those around me.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.