

# Thank You, Jesus

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## I. Gratitude is a relief valve for pressure.

**1 Timothy 1:12-17** I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### *1. Thank you, Jesus, for strength.*

**1 Timothy 1:12** I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.

**Philippians 4:11-13** I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

#### **A. Strength for living comes through Jesus.**

- Contentment and strength go hand in hand.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### **B. Strength in weakness comes through Jesus.**

- Weakness and strength go hand in hand.

### *2. Thank you, Jesus, for purpose.*

**1 Timothy 1:12** I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**A. God has a purpose for your life.**

**1 Timothy 1:13** Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

**B. God's purpose is greater than your past.**

**Proverbs 28:13** Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**C. God's purpose is greater than your plans.**

**Ephesians 3:20-21** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** However, as it is written “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him— these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (MEV)** But we all, seeing the glory of the Lord with unveiled faces, as in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord.

**2 Timothy 4:17** But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

**D. God's purpose is greater than you.**

**1 Timothy 1:16** But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

- **God wants others to see Him in you.**
- **God accomplishes His purposes for His glory.**

**3. Thank you, Jesus, for grace.**

**1 Timothy 1:14** The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**A. Let God pour out His abundant grace in your life.**

**1 Timothy 1:15** Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

**2 Corinthians 4:15** All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

**1 Timothy 1:14** The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**B. Let God's grace lead you to faith.**

**C. Let God's grace lead you to love.**

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-3** We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Timothy 1:17** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**1 Corinthians 11:27-29** So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-24** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

**1 Corinthians 11:25-26** In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.