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Thankful With All Your Heart

Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 29:13; Job 1–2; Luke 17:11–19

THE BIG STORY: EMPTY WORDS VS. A THANKFUL HEART

Anyone can say the words "thank you" or "I'm sorry" when someone reminds them to be polite. Think about getting caught doing something wrong: you might say "I'm sorry" just because your parents told you to, even though inside you are only upset that you got caught. Real feeling in our heart is completely different—like when you accidentally hurt someone you care deeply about, feel their pain, and mean your apology without anyone telling you to say it. Real thankfulness works the exact same way: it comes from the deepest part of us, not just from our lips.

Empty Words ("Saying Thank You")	True Feeling in Our Heart
Saying polite words out of habit or because someone told you to say them.	Genuine gratitude rising from the deepest part of who you are.
Focusing mostly on asking God for new things while forgetting answered prayers.	Remembering what God has already done and returning to give Him thanks.
Only feeling grateful when life is easy and everything goes your way.	Recognizing that God is still good and trusting Him even when life hurts.

TWO STORIES OF DEEP GRATITUDE

1. Job Chose Praise Over Pain: Job lost everything—his wealth, his home, and his family in a single day—and was covered in painful sores from head to toe. Being thankful does not mean you never experience sadness, pain, or questions, or that you pretend everything is okay. Job showed that true thankfulness means recognizing God is still good, remembering what He has done, trusting Him when you don't understand, and refusing to let hard circumstances destroy your relationship with Him.

2. The One Who Came Back (Luke 17:11–19): Imagine having a terrible disease that separates you from your family and community, and then suddenly being healed by Jesus! Ten men were healed, yet nine hurried away without looking back. Only one came back to thank Jesus. Sometimes we are very good at asking God for things, but not nearly as good at recognizing what He has already done for us.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13

My Thanksgiving Table of Gratitude

Before you sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, fill your table with four real reasons you are thankful to God—not just out of habit, but from the deepest part of your heart:

Blessing I Am Thankful For	Why It Matters to My Heart
1. Family or Friend:	
2. Something God Provided:	
3. A Hard Moment God Helped Me Through:	
4. Something About Who God Is:	

Who Am I?

Mystery #1: I lost my wealth, home, and family in one day and suffered painful sores from head to toe, yet I chose praise over pain. Who am I?

Mystery #2: Ten of us were healed of a terrible disease, and I was the only one who turned back to praise God and thank Jesus. Who am I?

Bible Code: Crack the Message

Each number stands for a letter (A=1, B=2, C=3 ... Z=26). Decode this lesson takeaway:

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8-1-22-5 / 1 / 20-8-1-14-11-6-21-12 / 8-5-1-18-20
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Decoded Message:

Thanksgiving Question of the Week

This Thanksgiving, how can you be like the one healed man who came back to thank Jesus instead of forgetting after the blessing? Write one way you will show real gratitude to God or someone in your life this week:

Upcoming Dates: November 23 • December 7 • December 21 • January 4
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