

**MESSAGE:** THANKFUL LIVING... *In Every Moment* 11.24.19

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### GETTING STARTED

1. On a scale of 1 - 10 (1 being never and 10 being always), how thankful are you to God in your everyday life?
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Why is it God's will for us to be thankful in all circumstances? What does it have to do with him and what does it have to do with us?
3. Is there anything in this week's message that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. How does focusing on God's unchanging blessings bring about thanks-giving versus focusing on our changing circumstances?
2. Psalm 118:1-4 begins by talking about God's love. Why is God's love such a big deal? What does God's love mean to you?
3. How should God's presence always with us make a difference in our lives as we navigate obstacles and difficult situations?
4. Besides the victory over sin and death, what other victories has God brought you through and how did he do it?
5. God's discipline is never fun. Have you experienced it before? Did it change you for the better? If you haven't experienced it, why do you think you haven't?
6. If God only gave us salvation and nothing else, would this still be enough for you to thank him in every moment? Explain your answer.

### TAKE AWAY

1. As our nation takes a day to be thankful this week, what needs to change in your life so you can be more thankful in every moment?
2. Out of the five blessings Isaac shared, choose one and pray that thankfulness will fill your heart and overflow into God's praise.
3. How can people be praying for you this week?

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### Thankful Living – In Every Moment

*Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT

#### Main Thought:

Giving thanks in every moment is possible when we focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_ blessings, not our \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances.

Psalm 118

#### God's blessings we can be thankful for:

- 1) God's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 1-4)  
*John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 John 3:1*
- 2) God's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 5-9)  
*Deuteronomy 31:8, Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:9-11 NLT*
- 3) God's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10-16)  
*Matthew 19:26, 1 John 4:4, Romans 8:31-37*
- 4) God's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 17-19)  
*Job 5:17, Proverbs 12:1, Hebrews 12:10-11*
- 5) God's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 19-21)  
*John 3:16-17, Romans 8:1-2 NLT*

#### Thought for the Week:

Thankfulness results when we \_\_\_\_\_ looking at what's happening \_\_\_\_\_ us and instead, \_\_\_\_\_ looking at what God's already done \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**Key:** unchanging, changing, love, presence, victory, discipline, salvation, stop, to, start, for