CLIC CHURCH

Thanksgiving: The Key to Hear and Encounter God



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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 NIV

The deeper question is:

Where was God in it all?

How do we hear Him as we move forward?

1) Thanksgiving is the key to hearing God



PSALM 100:4 (NIV)

Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Thanksgiving brings us into a place where we can hear God more clearly.

Thanksgiving is the antidote for worry

When do I need to be **thankful** the most?

It’s when I feel the least.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6–7

Do not be **anxious** about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all **understanding**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



A spirit of **thankfulness** is one of the most distinctive marks of a Christian whose heart is attuned to the Lord.

BILLY GRAHAM

THANKSGIVING OPENS OUR EARS TO THE VOICE OF GOD.

2) Thanksgiving Opens Our Hearts to Encounter Jesus

LUKE 17:11-19 (NIV)

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy
11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled
along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
12 As he was going into a village, ten men who
had leprosy[a] met him. They stood at a distance
13 and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master,
have pity on us!”

14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show
yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they
were cleansed.
15 One of them, when he saw he was healed,
came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He
threw himself at Jesus’ feet and **thanked** him—
and he was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed?
Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one
returned to give praise to God except this
foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go;
your **faith has made you well.**”

“YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL”

Greek:
ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε

(hē pistis sou sesōken se)
·**σέσωκέν** (sesōken) comes from **sōzō**

It means:
- to **save**
- to **rescue**
- to **restore**
- to **make whole**



Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

3) Thanksgiving Releases the Power of Multiplication

Matthew 14:19–21 (NIV):

“And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he **gave thanks** and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.”

THANKSGIVING

When we give thanks for what we have,
God multiplies it beyond what we imagine.

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JAMES 4:8 (NIV)

Come near to God and He will come near to you