

Sermon Notes

The Miracle Power of Thankfulness!!

November 25th – November 26th, 2023

- **The Miracle Power of Thankfulness!!**
- Sometimes things are hard in this life. In the hard times it is important to remember to be thankful.
 - o Some years back I was prepping a Thanksgiving sermon and it changed my life!
 - Tell the editing story about the Miracle Power of Thankfulness!
 - o The problem is that it changed my life for a while...but then I get frustrated and upset etc.!!
 - So, I need a regular reminder. I'm guessing you do too!
 - o My goal with preaching: to give you one thing that, if you actually did it, would change your life.
 - This week is clear: use thankfulness as an offensive weapon to change your circumstances!
 - Not fake thankfulness. It has to be real. Focus on things you can be thankful for and let thankfulness build in your heart.
 - This is a weapon in our warfare! **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**
- Let's look at the only 3 clear examples of when Jesus is recorded as giving thanks:
 - o 1) At the miraculous provision of food for the 5,000 and the 4,000. Example: **John 6:5-13, 22-24**
 - So, Jesus gives thanks when the resources are not even close to enough.
 - After Jesus gives thanks, what happens?? A miracle!! They all eat with leftovers!!
 - o 2) At the tomb of Lazarus. **John 11:32-44**
 - So, Jesus gives thanks when people's faith in him is crushed.
 - After Jesus gives thanks, what happens?? A miracle!! Lazarus is raised and faith is restored!!
 - o 3) At the Last Supper. Example: **Mark 14:22-26**
 - So, Jesus gives thanks when he is facing his greatest trial.
 - After Jesus gives thanks, what happens?? A miracle!! The resurrection and our redemption!!
- The application part of this is what matters.
 - o With the Lord's help, you can give thanks for something when things are hard.
 - The question is: Will you??
 - o Marriage on the rocks?? Finances falling apart? Health issues?? Betrayed by a friend? Feeling hopeless? Way too busy?? Things just going wrong?? What??? There has to be something!!!
 - What do you do? Find something to be thankful for and focus on that!
 - My housing situation with Tranette. We are so thankful!!
 - You are still fully aware of the situation...but you are thankful!
- This is the Lord's will for you!! **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**
- So, let's get serious! Let's use thankfulness as an offensive weapon to change our circumstances!
 - o Focus, and see what you can be thankful and grateful for!
- Maybe you've gotten soured toward the Lord.
 - o Be thankful that the Almighty sets a place at His table hoping you will come home.
- Get prayer by emailing the prayer team: prayer@goodhope.ag