



Gratitude

A Biblical Guide to Navigating the Holidays

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SERIES OVERVIEW:

During this three week series on gratitude, we will unpack God's Word to see how gratitude is understood from a Biblical sense. Gratitude is the choice to respond to God's goodness shown or God's goodness expected.

SERMON RECAP:

In week one, we looked at defining gratitude from a Biblical perspective, and how the life of Elijah displays the truth of God's goodness shown or God's goodness expected. We can only know what God's done in the past or what He has promised to do in the future if we spend time with God's Word and God's people.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- Pastor Matt defined GRATITUDE as “*The choice to respond to God's goodness shown or God's goodness expected.*” In light of this definition, how do you daily choose gratitude as a response to God's goodness shown or expected? In what ways could your gratitude continue to grow?
- 1 Kings 18:20-40 unpacks the story of God's defeat over the false prophets of Baal. We see God powerfully and easily defeat the false prophets. In what ways has God shown you His faithfulness and goodness in your life? Despite this, why do we sometimes choose idols and false things instead of the one true God?
- We see in 1 Kings that God was preparing Elijah to reflect God's goodness in dark places. God was pouring into Elijah, and Elijah was pouring into others. How has God prepared you to step into other's lives this holiday season? Who is pouring into you, and who are you pouring into? (Reflect on this today)
- **Read Psalm 23.** God often speaks to us in a still, small whisper. Pick a verse from Psalm 23 that most speaks to you in this season. Why does this verse speak to you? How can you help others see this truth?