“Be the One”

Daily Devotional

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1**: **Psalm 100:4**

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

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**Day 2: 1 Chronicles 16:34**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
    his love endures forever.

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**Day 3: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

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**Day 4: Ephesians 5:19-20**

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Day 5: Colossians 3:17**

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Discussion Questions:

**1.** Read Deuteronomy 6:10-12. The people of Israel forget to be thankful for God’s provision. Why do you think people are prone to forget God’s blessings and take them for granted?

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**2.**  Read Luke 17:11-19. Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one returns to thank Him. Why do you think only one leper returned, and what does this tell us about human nature and gratitude? How would you feel if you were in the place of the nine lepers who didn’t return? What might have caused them to fail to give thanks?

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**3.** The lepers call Jesus “Master” and ask for mercy. What does this reveal about their understanding of Jesus and their desperation? Have you ever been at the end of your rope and cried out to God for help? How did He respond? What role does faith play when we call on Him?

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**4.** Psalm 34:18 says, “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.” How do you experience God's nearness during difficult times?

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**5.** What does true thanksgiving look like in our lives? Is it more than just words? How does it connect with our hearts and actions?

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6. The sermon asks, "Why do we do that to God?" referring to not expressing gratitude. How can we be more like the one leper who returns to give thanks and worship, rather than taking God’s blessings for granted?

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7. Are there areas in your life where you might be forgetting to thank God, or taking His blessings for granted? How can you be more intentional about expressing your gratitude moving forward?

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8. As a group, how can we help one another stay mindful of God's blessings and cultivate gratitude together? What are some practical ways we can encourage each other in this area? How can we, as a community, respond to God’s goodness in ways that honor Him and lead to greater unity?

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