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Thanksgiving: The Weapon Against Adversity – November Letter 2026

Dear Friend,

I am sending you a letter that I wrote in 2022 with just a few changes. I believe that it will bless those who have not read this letter in the past and will continue to bless those who have. The truth in this letter is a timeless message, and I believe it will bless you during this season.

Thanksgiving from the heart is an extension of worship. It is not dependent on the lack of adversity, but rather it is all the more greatly demonstrated during times of adverse circumstances.

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England carrying 102 passengers. It carried an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith, as well as other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the "New World."

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained onboard the ship where they suffered from exposure, scurvy, and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit.

Think about this – only 50 of the original 102 settlers survived the first winter in the New World that we now call America. 50% of this group were children under the age of 18, and many of them were orphans. The possibility of survival was bleak at best. But the following November, this remaining group separated themselves for three days of Thanksgiving and worship for God's provincial hand in their lives in the New World.

King David wrote this celebratory psalm to express his thanksgiving in the midst of adversity:

Psalm 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.
Psalm 34:2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof,* and be glad.

Psalm 34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
Psalm 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Psalm 34:5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
Psalm 34:6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him,* and saved him out of all his troubles.
Psalm 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.
Psalm 34:9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.
Psalm 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing.*
Psalm 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
Psalm 34:12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?
Psalm 34:13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.
Psalm 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
Psalm 34:15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.
Psalm 34:16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
Psalm 34:17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
Psalm 34:18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
Psalm 34:19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
Psalm 34:20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
Psalm 34:21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
Psalm 34:22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

The history behind this psalm was that David was running for his life from King Saul who was desperately trying to kill him. These were the worst of times in David's life, as he had fled to another kingdom just to find refuge. But David's resolve was not destroyed because he took great hope through thanksgiving and worship.

David makes an incredible statement: "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." The Hebrew word for "times" might also be interpreted as "seasons" or "occasions." Therefore, we can understand that David was saying he was determined to worship and be thankful for the goodness of God no matter what the situation was.

David's predetermined disposition gave him the basis to boast in the Lord regarding these things:

- God would hear him and deliver him from all his fears
- He would not be ashamed, or you might say embarrassed, for trusting in God
- God would save him out of all his troubles
- God's angel would surround him with protection and deliver him
- There would be no want for him because he worshipfully feared the Lord

- His strength for supply would exceed the strength of young and robust lions
- Living a long life was part of the promise

The list of benefits continues with regard to a grateful heart. But David knew that something else was necessary to walk in victory and we see this in verse 13:

Psalm 34:13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

David knew that for him to reap all the benefits of the things he could boast of in God, it was necessary to never allow his lips to speak evil or doubt-filled confessions concerning the promises of God. David understood that he could not give praise to God for all His wonderful benefits one moment and then later complain about how terrible life was treating him. There can never be a harvest of blessings where there is a dualistic heart of gratefulness as well as complaining.

Paul the apostle lived in a place in his heart that gave thanks and worship to God no matter what the circumstance.

Acts 16:23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:
Acts 16:24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.
Acts 16:26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Paul and Silas were bleeding in the darkness in a cell that was probably cold, wet, and filled with stench. But something came up out of their spirits that was stronger than the prison walls that surrounded them. It was stronger than the defeat that Satan was screaming in their ears. It was stronger than the temptation to cry out, “Why, God?” It was stronger than the confusion running through their minds. It was stronger than the accusation that they had missed God’s direction. What Paul and Silas did was not done just so they could present a testimony of endurance before the other prisoners. It was not done with the thought process that one day, their testimony would be recorded in the book of Acts. Paul and Silas sang praises unto God from a grateful heart that worshiped Him for the salvation He had provided through the born-again experience. This was the life they lived. Whether in a trial or out of a trial, this was the men they were.

Remember that there is no prison, whether in the natural realm or spiritual realm, that can keep you a prisoner if you live out of a grateful and thanksgiving heart.

Pastor Dave Roberson would often say, “The fastest way out of adversity is to worship God as if you were the most blessed person on earth.” He would say, “If you found yourself totally destitute with only one can of pork and beans left in the cupboard, then get down on your knees with your hands lifted to Heaven and worship God as if you were the most blessed person on the

planet." You see, there is no test, trial, or adversity that cannot be overcome when you choose to worship God with a grateful heart. This really is the humility that will exalt you out of any trial.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Many American Christians today have no idea of the squalor of ungratefulness they have stooped to. This is one of the things that Paul warned Timothy would be part of the last generation.

2 Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, UNTHANKFUL, unholy.

Even though America is fighting great chaotic times, it is still the greatest place on the planet to live. There's no nation like it that provides such great opportunity for its citizens as does America.

Just remember, it is not necessary to face extreme adversity to become grateful for what we have in Christ. You don't have to go through an extreme test with your health, finances, emotions, or anything else to live in a continual state of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving and gratefulness are states of the heart, whether they appear in blessings or out of adversities. But a grateful heart will never live in depression! Paul the apostle wrote these words from prison in Rome:

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.
Philippians 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

During this holiday season of Thanksgiving, I want to say how grateful I am for you. This letter is going out to you personally, and with it is my prayer that each and every one of you are blessed beyond all measure. I am so grateful that you have joined your spiritual walk with this ministry to help us bring about a Revival in the earth.

America has come a long way from the 50 survivors who celebrated the first Thanksgiving. Now, we wait with great anticipation for the greatest outpouring of God's Spirit that this nation has ever witnessed.

See you in the Revival!

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc