



Lessons for Life

ONE CAME BACK
Thanksgiving Message
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Luke 17:11-19
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It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you." Luke 17:11-19

I'M GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR HIS ...

1. GRACE

"You have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God." Eph. 2:8 (NCV)

"I will... not forget the glorious things God does for me. He forgives all my sins. He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with love ... He fills my life with good things ... He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; He is slow to get angry ... He never bears a grudge ... He has not punished us as we deserve for our sins." Ps. 103:2-11 (LB)

2. PLAN

"I have good plans for you,' says the Lord, 'I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future.'" Jer. 29:11 (ICB)

3. CHANGES

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases him." Phil. 2:13 (NLT)

"And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him." 2 Cor. 3:18 (LB)

4. HEAVEN

"We know that our body...will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever." 2 Cor. 5:1 (NCV)

"God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in His mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting Him...So be truly glad." 1 Peter 1:4-6 (LB)

HOW TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD

1. SERVING

"Since we have a Kingdom that nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving Him with thankful hearts." Heb. 12:28 (LB)

2. SHARING

"Give an offering to show thanks to God. Give him what you promised." Ps. 50:14 (NCV)

"Celebrate the Harvest Festival, to honor the Lord your God by bringing Him a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing He has given you." Deut. 16:10 (GN)

- *Review my commitment*
- *Renew my commitment*
- *Out-do my commitment*

3. SINGING

"Sing out your thanks to Him; sing praises to our God..." Ps. 147:7 (LB)

4. SHOUTING

"Thank the Lord! Praise His name! Tell the world about His wondrous love and how mighty He is!" Isa. 12:4 (LB)