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Thankful Thursday

GRATITUDE CHANGES EVERYTHING

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Lord, we are thankful today - not because all our prayers have been answered or because everything we have been waiting for has finally happened, but because we have finally learned how to **cast our burdens on Jesus and BE STILL.**

We are finally learning the joy and peace of celebrating ahead of our testimonies because **we are confident in Him Who has everything in our lives under His control.** We don't have to see the miracle before we rejoice. We don't have to know how You are going to do it before we say, **"Thank You, Jesus."**

We are learning not to allow situations to steal our joy and keep us agitated, anxious, and grumpy while we wait for miracles to happen. We don't want to spend our waiting season frustrated, only to become grateful after You answer the prayer.

We can now comfortably **thank You ahead of the testimony.** We can rest instead of anxiously watching what has not happened yet. We can be still because we know that while we are resting, **You are still working.**

- Thank You for the prayers You have already answered.
- Thank You for the things You are working out behind the scenes.
- Thank You for the miracles already unfolding that we don't even recognize yet.
- And thank You for teaching us that gratitude doesn't have to wait for the testimony.

THANK YOU, JESUS
FROM A PLACE OF STILLNESS, NOT ANXIETY.

Today's Reflection

Gratitude does not wait for the testimony - it precedes it.

Thanksgiving is not something we reserve for the moment the breakthrough finally appears. Gratitude can rise **before** the testimony, while we are still waiting, because our thanksgiving is rooted in the faithfulness of Jesus rather than in what our circumstances currently look like.

When we thank God in advance, we are saying, **"Lord, I trust You even before I see it."** We are no longer allowing the unanswered prayer to control our peace. Our gratitude becomes an expression of confidence in Him Who has everything in our lives under His control.

Thanksgiving before the testimony changes the posture of the waiting season. Instead of waiting with anxiety, agitation, and fear, we wait with expectation, peace, and joy. We celebrate what God has already done, what He is doing behind the scenes, and even the miracles we do not recognize yet.

So today, gratitude does not have to wait. **Thank Jesus now.** Thank Him before the answer becomes visible. Thank Him from a place of stillness, knowing that while you are resting, He is still working.

Key Reminders

- Cast your burdens on Jesus and leave them there.
- Celebrate ahead of your testimony.
- Gratitude is your strength in the waiting.
- Thank God for what you cannot see yet.
- Thanksgiving does not wait for the testimony - it precedes it.

Today's Prayer

Lord, thank You for who You are, for what You have already done, and for what You are still doing. Help us to walk in gratitude, trust, and stillness, knowing that You are in control. Teach us to thank You before we see the testimony and to rest in the confidence that You are still working. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture for Reflection

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us." - 1 Samuel 7:12 KJV

"Be still, and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10 KJV

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