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Friday Night Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: I Just Want to Thank You

Luke 17:11-19

Main Idea:

This sermon examines the importance of recognizing God's blessings, responding with gratitude, and experiencing the fullness of faith, as illustrated through the story of the ten lepers.

Key Scripture:

"And as they went, they were cleansed." (Luke 17:13-14, KJV)

Quote:

"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness." — Charles Spurgeon

Key Points

1. Recognizing God's Abundant Blessings

- God's blessings are abundant, going beyond the material to include spiritual healing and restoration.
- The one leper who returned to give thanks recognized the full extent of Jesus' blessing. He didn't just receive healing; he received a renewed relationship with God.
- Reflection: Do we truly see all of God's blessings in our lives, or do we take them for granted?

Scripture Reference: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV)

2. Responding with Gratitude

- Gratitude is an active response to God's blessings, shown by the Samaritan leper who returned to Jesus, praised Him, and fell at His feet.
- Key Insight: True gratitude is not passive; it's a dynamic act of worship that should be expressed openly and humbly.
- Greek Word Focus: Eucharisteo (to give thanks) – Used to express thankfulness for God's grace throughout the New Testament.
- Reflection: Is our gratitude a part of our everyday lives, or just an occasional "thank you"?

3. Reaping the Fullness of Faith

- Gratitude transforms us from the inside out, shifting our focus to God's goodness.
- Living in a state of gratitude brings joy, prayerfulness, and the ability to give thanks even in difficult times.
- Scripture Reference: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, KJV)

Closing Reflection

- Like the one leper, let us be those who recognize, return, and rejoice.
- Faith Makes Us Whole: Our gratitude is not only a response to blessings but strengthens our faith, drawing us closer to God.
- Let gratitude be more than a momentary feeling—let it be a lifestyle that brings us into a deeper relationship with God.

Final Thought

Challenge: As we recognize God's blessings, may we also respond with genuine gratitude, sharing it openly, and let that gratitude deepen our faith and fill us with joy.

Application: Live in a state of thankfulness this week. Notice the blessings in your life and take time to thank God openly.