

Voice of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving gives voice to a heart that remembers God's goodness, receives His Word, and carries His life to others.

SERMON TITLE	MINISTER
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Sunday, July 20, 2025	Psalm 26:7 ; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Thankfulness has a voice.

- Thanksgiving is not merely a private feeling; the heart and mouth join together to tell God that He is loved and remembered. ([Psalm 26:7](#))
- We enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise, responding openly to His presence and goodness. ([Psalm 100:4](#))

"Thankfulness has a voice. It has a sound that comes from your heart."

STUDY [Psalm 26:7](#); [Psalm 100:4](#)

02 Remember what God has done.

- Israel's complaints grew when the people forgot the God who delivered them, but thanksgiving keeps salvation and mercy before the heart. ([Psalm 107:21-22](#))
- Telling of His wondrous works turns memory into worship and protects the heart from complaint. ([Psalm 75:1](#))

"You will find something to be thankful about because you have a thankfulness that has been given to you."

STUDY [Psalm 75:1](#); [Psalm 107:21-22](#)

03 Give thanks in everything.

- Thanksgiving is God's will in Christ and belongs in ordinary life, not only in a Sunday service. ([1 Thessalonians 5:18](#))
- A thankful heart becomes more aware of God than of the problem and learns to rest in His faithfulness. ([Jeremiah 30:19](#))
- Praise magnifies God rather than the circumstance and gives the heart a truthful view of His goodness. ([Psalm 69:30](#))
- Singing with thanksgiving gives the whole person a way to respond to the Lord. ([Psalm 147:7](#))

"It's His will that you are thankful."

STUDY [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#); [Jeremiah 30:19](#)

04 Prepare the mind to receive the Word.

- To gird up the mind is to become ready for action, refusing to let every passing thought govern the heart. ([1 Peter 1:13](#))
- Thoughts are brought into obedience to Christ by measuring them against the Word rather than fear, culture, or the flesh. ([2 Corinthians 10:5](#))
- God has given His people power, love, and a sound mind rather than a spirit of fear. ([2 Timothy 1:7](#))
- A sober mind rests its hope fully on the grace revealed in Jesus Christ. ([1 Peter 1:13](#))

"You need to take authority over those thoughts through the Word of God."

STUDY [1 Peter 1:13](#); [2 Corinthians 10:5](#)

05 Let incorruptible seed produce incorruptible fruit.

- The Word of God lives and abides forever; receiving it reshapes conduct, love, and spiritual fruit. ([1 Peter 1:22-25](#))
- Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control grow as the Holy Spirit governs the life. ([Galatians 5:22-23](#))
- Because the seed is incorruptible, the believer can keep returning to the Word when natural influence tries to shape the mind another way. ([1 Peter 1:23](#))
- The glory of man fades, but the Word of the Lord endures forever and remains a stable foundation for the life. ([1 Peter 1:24-25](#))

"You can't corrupt the Word of God!"

STUDY [1 Peter 1:22-25](#); [Galatians 5:22-23](#)

06 Carry God's life to the people around you.

- The Word planted in us is meant to be spoken so that other hearts can hear the Gospel and receive life. ([1 Peter 1:25](#))

- Thankfulness makes us aware of God's will and prepares us to become a visible witness for His kingdom. ([Matthew 5:14-16](#))
- Drawing near to God keeps ministry rooted in personal fellowship rather than outward activity alone. ([James 4:8](#))
- Remembering the mercy that kept us alive gives urgency to sharing Christ with people who still need hope. ([Romans 10:13-15](#))

“He wants you to be the kingdom of God billboard.”

STUDY [1 Peter 1:25](#); [Matthew 5:14-16](#)

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How will you put the Word into practice?

What has God done that you need to remember and thank Him for out loud?

Where has complaint become louder than thanksgiving in your daily life?

Which thought needs to be brought into obedience to God's Word?

How can your words carry the life of God to another person this week?
