

THRIVE series
fall 2018
week 4 outline

OVERFLOWING WITH THANKSGIVING

Grateful. Content. Generous.

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Col 2:6-7

I. Barricades, Blockades, and Building Dams

A. Grumbling is Habit Forming

- Self-righteous people entitled to what we think we deserve
- Blockading our lives from the weariness of not finding satisfaction

B. Griping is a First Reaction

- Self-seeking people preoccupied with what others have
- Barricading our hearts while we toil with what we think will make us happy

C. Complaining is Contagious

- Self-centered people that feel victimized whenever we don't get what we want
- Building Dams that cause us to wallow in relationships of offense

UNGRATEFULNESS BARRICADES HEARTS,
BLOCKADES LIVES,
AND DAMS-UP RELATIONSHIPS
BUT A LIFE IN CHRIST
OVERFLOWS WITH GRATITUDE AND ABOUNDS IN THANKSGIVING

II. An Overflow of Thanksgiving (Mk 14:1-9)

A. The Jerks, a Leper, and a Grateful Woman (vs1-3a)

1. Chief Priests
2. Scribes
3. Simon the Leper
4. A Grateful Woman

B. The Response of Gratitude (vs 3b)

1. Jesus is her BEST... *"she came"*
 - she shows up, with a choice to bring Jesus her BEST
2. Jesus is her ALL... *"she broke"*
 - she leans forward, with a willingness to give Jesus her ALL
3. Jesus is her ONLY... *"she poured"*
 - she's sold out, with a commitment to worship Jesus as her ONLY

C. The Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda's (vs 4-5)

1. I would have done better... what a waste!
2. That could have been sold for big bucks!
3. You should have helped the poor instead!

D. BUT JESUS SAID... (vs 6-10)

1. "leave her alone"
-Thanksgiving REMINDS us of our FREEDOM
2. "why do you trouble... she's done a beautiful thing"
-Thanksgiving WORSHIPS GOD
3. "she's done what she could"
-Thanksgiving PRODUCES GENEROSITY
4. "whenever the gospel is proclaimed, what she's done will be told"
-Thanksgiving TESTIFIES to the truth of the GOSPEL

III. The Choice, The Find, and The Practice

A. A Grateful Spirit

1. GRATITUDE IS AN EVERYDAY CHOICE NOT A ONCE-A-YEAR REFLECTION
-Choose an attitude of gratitude
2. Instead of grumbling, gratitude can be habit forming!

B. A Content Heart

1. CONTENTMENT IS AN OUTCOME OF OBEDIENCE NOT A RESULT OF ABUNDANCE
-Find rest in Jesus as a walk of obedience in Him
2. Instead of complaining, contentment can be contagious!

C. A Generous Life

1. GENEROSITY IS A PRACTICE NOT A FEELING
-Practice generous living
2. Instead of griping, generosity can become our first reaction.

CHRIST BRINGS AN OVERFLOW OF THANKSGIVING
THAT SPRINGS FROM THE CONSISTENCY OF GRATITUDE,
WATERS A HEART OF CONTENTMENT,
AND FLOODS A LIFE OF GENEROSITY.