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## There is always, always, always something to be thankful for

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Psalm 137:1-6 (NKJV)
I By the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.
We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst of it.

**3** For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, And those who plundered us requested mirth, Saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" 4 How shall we sing the LORD's song In a foreign land?

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5 If I forget you,
O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget its skill!
6 If I do not remember you,
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth—

If I do not <u>exalt</u> Jerusalem Above my chief joy

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To hold someone or something in very high regard; think or speak very highly of. Synonyms: glorify, extol, praise, acclaim, revere, reverence, worship

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# "Praise"

"Todah" – a thanksgiving choir "Barak" – to kneel in thanksgiving "Tahillah" - to sing a song of thanksgiving

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# "Praise"

"Halal" – give thanks by being clamorously foolish
"Yadah"- to give thanks by lift hands

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# "Praise"

"Zamar" – give thanks with a musical instrument "Shabach" – give thanks with a loud tone.

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## **Psalms 137:6** 6 If I do not remember you, Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth-If I do not exalt Jerusalem above my chief joy

If you are struggling (weeping) right now... be determined to make God your "chief joy"

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1. Find momentum for your life by remembering to give God "thanks" for what He has already done for you...for your salvation

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## **Psalms 136:26**

26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! "For His mercy endures forever". What God provided through Jesus should mean everything to us... but at times it doesn't

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Colossians 1:14 (Message)

God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.

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Which sins did Jesus die for? Our "thanks" is appropriate because Jesus' blood paid for them all.

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2. Find momentum for your life by remembering to give "thanks" that God is walking out every step of this life with you

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## **Psalms 137:2**

By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion. God's provision is never found in a place...it is found in His presence. Him being with us in the midst of our problems

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It was always God's design to reside with man.

He can't get you off His mind and His desire is to "Tabernacle" (come along side) you in everything you are going through.

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3. Find momentum for your life by remembering that giving "thanks" first may be a prerequisite to God moving on your behalf.

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Matthew 11:25 (NKJV) 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

Jesus shows us that it is fitting and honoring to give "thanks" prior to a Kingdom principle or paradigm being introduced.

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#### Matthew 26:26-29 (NKJV)

Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.

Jesus shows us that it is fitting and honoring to give "thanks" prior to a Kingdom principle or paradigm being introduced.

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## Matthew 15:36-37 (NKJV)

**36 And He took the seven** loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. 37 So they all ate and were filled...

Jesus shows us that it is fitting and honoring to give "thanks" prior to a miracle happening for provision and faith

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### John 11:41-42 (NKJV)

And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

Jesus shows us that it is fitting and honoring to give "thanks" prior to a miracle happening for provision and faith

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We can't put God in a box with self determined formulas, but there is certainly room to see that even for Jesus, giving "thanks" was a key element in how He carried out His assignment and interacted with His Father in Heaven.

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