



Part 4: Gratitude in Every Season

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CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

Over the past few weeks, we've discovered that gratitude begins when we remember God's faithfulness, is completed when we express it, and transforms our perspective in the midst of life's circumstances. Today, we take the final step in this journey by recognizing that a grateful life is not dependent on favorable seasons, but on God's unchanging character. When our confidence rests in who He is rather than only in what we receive, gratitude can remain steadfast even during life's most difficult moments.

In **Habakkuk 3:17–19**, the prophet describes a season of loss and uncertainty, yet he makes a remarkable decision: to rejoice in the Lord and trust Him. His circumstances had not changed, but his foundation remained secure. His joy did not come from visible results, but from the certainty that God was still faithful, good, and worthy of trust. Biblical gratitude acknowledges reality without denying it, yet chooses to look beyond present circumstances because it rests on God's unchanging character.

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NLT)



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. As you read **Habakkuk 3:17–19**, can you identify the contrast between the prophet's circumstances and his attitude? What does this reveal about the level of trust he had developed in God?

2. **Psalm 100:5** declares that the Lord is good, that His unfailing love endures forever, and that His faithfulness continues through every generation. How does that truth change the way you view a season when God's answers don't come the way you expected?
3. What decision do you need to make so that your confidence rests more in who God is than in the visible results you hope to see?

**Gratitude is not based on what God does for us.
Gratitude flows from who God is.**



MAKE IT PRACTICAL

Let's begin developing a lifestyle of gratitude by:

1. **Recognizing reality without losing hope.** Identify a difficult situation you've been facing and bring it honestly before God. Then write down three reasons why you can still trust His character.
2. **Choosing to worship before you see the miracle.** Set aside a few minutes each day to thank God for who He is, even if your circumstances remain the same. Let that decision shape your attitude throughout the week.
3. **Depending on God's strength.** Before beginning an important responsibility, take a moment to pray and acknowledge your need for the Lord's help. Notice how your perspective changes when you stop relying solely on your own strength.



PRAYER

"Father, thank You because Your goodness and faithfulness never change, no matter what season we are living through. Thank You for revealing Yourself through Your Word and reminding us that our hope rests in You. Help us live with grateful hearts that trust Your character even when we don't understand everything that is happening. May we depend on Your strength this week and reflect that confidence in every decision we make. Amen."



TIPS

- A person who is grateful to God chooses to evaluate every circumstance in light of the Lord's character, not merely by the results they can see.
- If you face moments of uncertainty this week, remember that you can come to God honestly while continuing to trust in His faithfulness as you wait.
- Allow gratitude to become your way of life by reminding yourself daily of who God is, regardless of the season you are walking through.



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