



### **1 Chronicles 16:8-12 [NLT]**

*<sup>8</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness.  
Let the whole world know what he has done.*

*<sup>9</sup>Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.*

*Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.*

*<sup>10</sup>Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord.*

*<sup>11</sup>Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him.*

*<sup>12</sup>Remember the wonders he has performed,  
his miracles, and the rulings he has given.*

**Gratitude reminds us to celebrate God's past [FAITHFULNESS](#).**

### **1 Chronicles 16 [NLT]**

*He is the Lord our God. (v.14)*

*Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. (v.23)*

*Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! (v.25)*

*Honor and majesty surround him; strength and joy fill his dwelling. (v.27)*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." (v.34)*

**Gratitude for God's present [GOODNESS](#) can help protect our [JOY](#).**

#### **Natural Gratitude:**

*Focuses on blessings and gifts received.*

#### **Gracious Gratitude:**

*Focuses on the character and attributes of God.*

### **Psalm 116:12-13 [MSG]**

*What can I give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on me?*

*I'll lift high the cup of salvation – a toast to God!"*

## **How to receive forgiveness from God:**

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

### **You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

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### **For Further Reflection:**

- :: *What comes to your mind when you think of the word gratitude?*
- :: *Spend a few moment reflecting on your own personal history with God. Reflect and rejoice over the moments when God has demonstrated his faithfulness in your life.*
- :: *How might a reflection upon God's past faithfulness help us take courageous steps into the future?*
- :: *Passover and Communion were mentioned as examples of 'remembering.' Are there any other rhythms or habits that can help us 'remember the wonders God has performed?'*
- :: *Pastor Josh examined the difference between 'natural gratitude' and 'gracious gratitude.' What are the reasons why it would be important to rely more on 'gracious gratitude' rather than solely on 'natural gratitude?'*
- :: *Make a list of all the characteristics and attributes of God that you can think of. Pray through each characteristic with gratitude and thanks.*
- :: *Prayerfully read through David's entire Song of Thanksgiving (1 Chronicles 16:8-36). What did Holy Spirit reveal to you as you read this powerful song?*
- :: *As we conclude 'Heart of Worship'... what was one big truth you took away from this series?*

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