

CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED THANKS

Psalm 69:29-33

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But I am afflicted and in pain; may Your salvation, O God, set me securely on high. I will praise the name of God with song, and shall magnify Him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:29-30

Why is giving thanks the thing to do when life is caving in?

1. Giving thanks keeps you from getting bitter.

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.

Hebrews 12:15

A. Remember that God is still good.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him. Nahum 1:7

B. Remember that God is still love.

Answer me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; according to the greatness of Your compassion, turn to me, and do not hide

Your face from Your servant, for I am in distress; answer me quickly. Psalm 69:16-17

But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more. Psalm 71:14

2. Giving thanks magnifies and pleases God.

I will praise the name of God with song, and shall magnify Him with thanksgiving. and it will please the LORD better than an ox or a young bull with horns and hoofs. Psalm 69:30-31

A. It shows God that you still love Him and trust Him.

Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21

B. It shows others that God is real.

The humble have seen it and are glad; you who seek God, let your heart revive. Psalm 69:32

3. Giving thanks brings about deliverance.

For the Lord hears the needy, and does not despise His who are prisoners. Psalm 69:33

A. It transforms your prayer life.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

B. It unleashes the power of God.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened. Acts 16:25-26

God is waiting for you to give Him thanks.
