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Thanksgiving

So Much More Than A Song

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> COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Almost daily, I remember to thank God for the simple things: a warm bed, food on the table, shelter from the storms, and caring friends and loved ones.

And if you live in Montana, you probably look out the window at the mountains each morning and thank Him for the grandeur of His creation.

Recently, I was humbled to realize I've neglected, at least in my moment-by-moment awareness, some of the most important blessings in life. How is that possible?

I'm so glad we're focusing on gratefulness this month because I need the reminder. The greatest blessings are things money can't buy, good works can't earn, and even those magnificent Montana mountains can't provide.

So, what is the most important blessing of all?

In today's music selection, You Can Have It All by King's Porch, we're reminded the ultimate blessings are so much more than a song. When I heard those words, I stopped in my tracks and pondered. Really?

Songs mean everything to me. They move my spirit and help me feel joyful, confident, or reflective. Music is part of every day I live. It starts my mornings better than a cup of tea or coffee. And yet... there's something even greater?

Colossians 2:6–7 encourages us: “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Oh, now I get it!

When we remember the gift of salvation and live with grateful hearts, we respond to God's incredible love by giving Him all of ourselves. Our praise is more than a song; it's a life surrendered to Him.

Our gratitude becomes an expression of love for the One who gave everything for us.

Being thankful for the little things still matters. But remembering the victory over sin and death made possible through the cross is cause for the deepest gratitude of all.

What an extraordinary gift! And what a simple, yet profound, response God desires from us: our hearts.

Isaiah 12:2 celebrates God as the personal source of our salvation: “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.”

So, here's something to ponder:

What if our greatest expression of gratitude isn't found in the songs we sing, but in the lives we surrender to God?

As you go through today, let your songs of praise rise from a grateful heart. Thank Him for the little things, remember the greatest gift of all, and invite Him into every moment.

Because as beautiful as our songs may be, the heart that belongs to Jesus is a gift of gratitude that goes far beyond the music.

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