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Thanksgiving

The Turkey Express

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> JEREMIAH 15:16

Before railroads transformed American transportation, getting turkeys from rural farms to major urban markets was a slow and demanding process.

Farmers drove thousands of birds on foot over hundreds of miles, a journey that could take weeks.

As the railroad network expanded in the 19th century, transporting turkeys became much faster. Special holiday shipments earned the nickname "Turkey Express," helping move birds from agricultural regions to cities like Boston, New York, and Chicago in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Today's version of the "Turkey Express" might be a quick trip to the local supermarket, where we simply pluck a frozen bird from the freezer case. What once took weeks now takes just five minutes!

A lot has changed since the 1800s, especially in how we get our food. But while our physical food has become easier to access, what about the spiritual food our souls need?

The Bible often uses food as a picture of spiritual nourishment. God's Word feeds our souls, strengthens our faith, and draws us closer to Him.

The prophet Jeremiah described discovering and taking God's Word into his heart as a feast for his soul:

“When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bore your name, LORD God Almighty.” — Jeremiah 15:16

God's Word is a feast for the soul, rich with wisdom, comfort, and truth. Much like a Thanksgiving turkey with all the trimmings, I find myself returning to God's table each morning, hungry for more.

It reminds me of the song “Keep Coming Back to You” by I Am They:

“You are perfectly faithful And You are true You won’t give up on me So I keep coming back to You.”

Closing Thought

We may no longer need a Turkey Express to bring food to our tables, but we will always need God's Word to nourish our souls. The beautiful thing is His invitation never expires, and His table is always open.

So, this Thanksgiving season, as we gather around tables filled with wonderful food, let's remember to feast on the one thing our souls can never outgrow: God's faithful, life-giving Word.

Come hungry. Leave grateful. And keep coming back for more!

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