Transforming Gratitude: Grateful Praise
Psalm 100
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Psalm 100:1-5 A psalm. For giving grateful praise. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community.

1. _____ for something more

_____: Bilious and bloated, they gas, "God is gone." Their words are poison gas, fouling the air; they poison rivers and skies; thistles are their cash crop….Useless, unshepherded sheep, taking turns pretending
to be Shepherd. Psalm 14:1,3b (MSG)

_____ redemption: Do not forget how God responds to us. God offers us forgiveness, offers us healing and wholeness, redeems the worst parts of us, and crowns our lives with mercy and compassion.
Psalm 103:2b-4 (JOT)

2. _____ the power of thanksgiving

_____ joy: Due to God's kind shepherding, service will not be slavery but filled with joy because of God's goodness! Offer a joyful sacrifice of praise from the altar of your heart.
Psalm 100:2 (JOT)

_____ God's adoption: This is the Lord, the living God who has created us, and we are not alone. God claims us as his very own; we are the flock under God's shepherding.
Psalm 100:3 (JOT)

_____ worship: On your feet now—applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence….Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him. Psalm 100:1-2,4 (MSG)

_____ the greater reality: Why do this? Because God's kindness is far greater than we can imagine, his love endures forever and ever. God shares his truth from generation to generation.
Psalm 100:5 (JOT)

3. _____ to greater strength

_____ ask: But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." John 4:14 (NLT)

Spiritual Action Step:
Will you accept God's exceptional invitation? Where do you need to shift from the darkness of entitlement to the joy of thanksgiving? Will you take that step toward surrender in your heart? Jesus said: "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28, NLT) Leave self-direction by accepting Jesus's invitation for your life! Admit you need his help. Ask him to be your Shepherd. Accept Jesus as the Lord of your life. As you come to this Thanksgiving week, you will be able to share your thanks and praise for God's love and power in your life. This week, read Psalm 100 and John 4 to empower the Holy Spirit to fill your soul with living water!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; MSG: The Message; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NLT: The New Living Bible.