

Sunday, 28th January 2024

Theme: Giving thanks, my response to the God who saves.

Texts: Psalms 116:1-14

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Counting blessings can be incredibly gratifying. Imagine taking a moment to write down everything God has done for you in a year! In Psalm 116, David does just that. He recounts moments of divine intervention amidst hardship. But what about our own response to God's goodness?

Three Points from the Psalmist:

1. **Remember the Lows:** Before celebrating freedom, David remembers his "low place." He describes his despair, reminding us that true gratitude comes from a heart that knows both sunshine and shadow. We can't fully appreciate the good news without understanding the bad.
2. **Testifying to God's Work:** Has God shown up in your life? Can you, like David, declare His deeds as a deliverer? Share your story! When we personally testify to God's faithfulness, it fuels our worship and inspires others.
3. **Discovering God's Character:** In the midst of trouble, have you discovered who God truly is? Did He earn a new name in your heart? David describes God as compassionate, merciful, loving, etc based on his personal experience. It's these attributes that make Him worthy of our trust and worship.

David's thankfulness wasn't just words, he made a lifelong commitment of relying on God, and gratefulness with everything he has. What makes your heart sing for God? Does remembering His goodness guide your steps? What choice have you made in response to God's love?