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CONFIDENT FAITH

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I grew up in a place with significant changes of seasons. One of my favorite is Autumn. The crisp coolness in the air. The magnificent color changing of the leaves from green to every shade of red, gold, orange offered. I remember making large piles of leaves and jumping in them, causing them to fly, and watching them float down the creek as if heading somewhere on a new adventure.

Life brings changes of seasons. Seasons of new life, joy, hardship, sadness, transitions, and more. Each one bringing expected and often unexpected change and challenges. Yet in all of this we can have confident faith because of God's great love for us. This season, whatever season you are in, practice gratitude in even the smallest things. Write them down, put them in a journal or a jar, and be blessed by what God is doing in your life.

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Confident Faith - Thankful, Grateful, Blessed

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Every day as I ascend the stairs to the bedroom level of my house, I am met with the words, Thankful, Grateful, Blessed. This table decoration sits on a shelf at the top of the stairs and is a constant reminder that I have many reasons to be thankful to God.

During this Thanksgiving month, as I reflect on the past three and a half years in this territory, it is not difficult for me to do so with those three words in mind...Thankful, Grateful, Blessed.

As I have had the privilege to travel around this wonderful and vast territory and engage with its beautiful people and ministries, I am **thankful** for the opportunities to have met so many of you! You will continue to be dear to my heart as I prepare to leave the territory in the coming weeks.

When I think of the beautiful godly expressions of ministry carried out in this territory daily, it is with a sense of **gratitude** for the faithfulness and grace of God in the many lives that have been transformed through the faithful work of The Salvation Army in every corner of this vast Western Territory.

I will depart from here leaving a part of my heart behind and feeling truly **blessed** for the privilege afforded me. I am saddened to leave but feeling thankful, grateful and blessed for three and a half wonderful years. The friendships made will be with me for a lifetime. God's blessings on you all!

FLOURISHING IN THE WORD

There is power in the Word of God.

For the month of November, read through these scriptures. There are many other scriptures that speak to giving thanks and gratefulness. What would you add?





MUSIC FOR THE HEART

Confident Faith requires us to learn about God, who He is, and how much He loves us. When we do, we also learn to be grateful and give Him praise. Listen to the words of these songs and let them speak to your heart.

These songs are found on YouTube. Copy and paste these into your browser or simply go to youtube and search by title and artist.

Hard Fought Hallelujah by Brandon Lake:

https://youtu.be/Nd3r3sWPM84?si=FB3nJjwqr6hjuy9d&t-=3

Gratitude by Brandon Lake:

https://youtu.be/dQdfs5S6jyA?si=84IEYb7aT2-LWrcO&t-=3

Counting My Blessings by Seph Schlueter

https://youtu.be/aZjWYgq9QfM?si=iUck6Jgeq39prt8c&t-=1

Goodness of God by CeCe Winans:

https://youtu.be/9sE5kEnitqE?si=zFnXAEGGdYT16QV2&t-=4

Resources for Us All

Every once in a while I get a couple magazines because they look inviting or helpful.

This month I bought "Everyday Faith" by Dayspring. The November issue includes topics such as: Find Peace in God's restorative power; Prepare to Embrace the Season; Practice Hospitality From the Heart; and more. It's full of Scripture; creativity; real life and encouragement for the everyday. For a free sample go to https://www.dayspring.com/everyday-faith-magazine?srsltid=AfmBOoocsTStFf4kYAiywSHv3HAtQ-QEM2bUxXa6byURZNJULhTcxLmV

"Mingle: creative ideas for unique gatherings." This magazine is all about creative gatherings. Sometimes it just sparks ideas! It come sour 4 times a year. They are available to purchase single editions without a subscription too!

https://stampington.com/collections/mingle?srsltid = AfmBOorQEI2LkSOIDHxEhEn0mPx8mQmqcQnrzXkdqI0w1Z8ILhJSTmLw



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