

Trending:

Gratitude vs Ingratitude

Sermon Notes For July 1, 2018

1 Thess 5:16-18

(NLT) ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Phil 4:11-12

(NIV) ¹¹ ...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Phil 2:3-4

(NIV) ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Luke 6:35

(ESV) ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

1 Sam 19-22

[Story of David and Saul]

Psalms 57:4

⁴ My soul is in the midst of lions;
I lie down amid fiery beasts—
the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
whose tongues are sharp swords.

Psalms 142:1-4

¹ With my voice I cry out to the Lord;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.
² I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.
³ When my spirit faints within me,

you know my way!
In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.
⁴ Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for my soul.

Psalm 57:7-10

⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!
I will sing and make melody!
⁸ Awake, my glory! [b]
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!
⁹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
¹⁰ For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds

2 Cor 12:7-9

(ESV) ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Cor 12:9-10

⁹ ...Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Romans 8:31-37

(NLT)³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Application:

1. Don't take my word for it, go look in the Text for yourself
 - a. Talk about it with your friends and family. Discover the truth together
2. Be honest with God with where you are at
 - a. You will find you have much to be grateful for because of them
3. Take an interest in others
 - a. You won't have time to be discontent about your own life
 - b. Gratitude will return to you
4. Remember the things that Jesus has done for you
 - a. Trust God's track record
 - b. Trust in the cross