

## Thanksgiving

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### Enjoying The Glory Of God

- When they landed – they landed with a vision but they landed with a **past**.
  1. In their past, and even our pasts, some experiences could build **strongholds**.

We will answer:

- What are strongholds and how to overcome them.

Let me say something that is so God:

2. God will give you an **uncanny grace** to overcome strongholds that when it's all over, you have become a better person because of what God has done.
  - \* Thankfulness is about understanding more of **compassion** and who God is, even knowing more about **yourself**.

Here is what a stronghold is:

3. The enemy working hard against you causing you to believe what has attacked you is **true**.

- When Satan can convince you of things **opposite** of God's word, a stronghold has begun.

Question: Do you know how to get an elephant to stand still at a circus?

When their Dumbo's size, they pound a stake deep in the ground and tie them to it with a **chain**.

Dumbo size keeps trying and is **convinced** he can't.

Why: The 10,000-pound adult elephant is convinced he or she **can't** break loose.

4. It has become so strong in its **mind** that it holds the 5-ton elephant to the place the stake is set.

Called a stronghold → so the enemy has created the stronghold in our **mind**.

5. It will increase your fear and the fear becomes so great you will make **bad** decisions regarding your life, family, money, and much more.

- \* Faith resides in expecting God's **best**.

The Devil wants you to not like yourself. The problem is you can get away from everyone else – but you can't get away from **yourself**.

\*\* So, if you don't like you, you're going to have a **troubled** future.

Why does the enemy do that?

Answer: Because there is only one group of people that have the authority to banish hell.

The people of **God** → you, the **born again** believer have been given the authority of God to banish hell.

6. Satan will try to convince you with **pictures** to utilize your authority against you by the way you think and speak.

If he can convince us to not like ourselves, or even each other – **offence** manifests so miracles cease.

7. That's why forgiveness is so important because it keeps us from **misusing** our spiritual authority.

\* Know that we are all in the **Potter's** hands.

### **Romans 9:18-21**

<sup>18</sup>Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. <sup>19</sup>You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" <sup>20</sup>But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, "Why have you made me like this?" <sup>21</sup>Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

- God made us and gave us **gifts**.
- God made you and me **exactly** the way He planned.
- Be thankful all He did was **good**.

Jeremiah 18 says: God is the Potter and we are the **clay**.

## **2 Corinthians 3:18**

<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

8. It's not just 2 steps, it's from glory to **glory** – then it's from glory to **glory**.

Reason it's called glory because what Jesus does in you will be glorious because He is the **Potter**.

\*\*\* You and I have to be **okay** with what stage of spin on the Potter's wheel that you're on now.

Let me ask:

- Will you be **thankful** for the glory you are in now?
- Because if you're not, you will be **disenchanted** with you.

We are all on the Potter's **wheel**.

The only difference between you and someone else is this:

- That person is in faith that another **glory** is coming.

They have learned to **enjoy** the process of the relationship with Jesus Christ and is faithful to his or her church and call – thankful.