

The Healing Power of Gratitude

Scripture...

How God used gratitude to heal...

Best gratitude ever...

Two Powerful Scriptures

- “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” *1 Thes. 5:16-18*
- “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” *Phil. 4:4-7*

Joy, Prayer, Thankfulness

- Jesus modeled “Joy”
- “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross...” *Heb 12:2*
- John 17 – Jesus’ prayer for the disciples and us
- One with God, sanctified by the Word, protected from the evil one, filled with full measure of Jesus’ joy

How God used gratitude to heal

- May God use my story to help you apply the truths of the healing power of gratitude in your lives.
- My life's 2 most serious trials
 - Buddy's initial diagnosis of melanoma
 - Buddy's melanoma returns

First Melanoma Diagnosis



Second Melanoma Diagnosis







Greatest gratitude ever...

- In wrapping up these vignettes on my life experiences with gratitude, I will share one of the entries in Buddy's "Glimpse into the Garrison"
- The story of Thomas and Amy Epting
- My prayer life forever changed

Conclusion

- God has provided the Word as a powerful resource to heal and grow us through trials
- Personal experience demonstrates God can use even broken pots for His glory
- “If He never does another thing for me, sending Jesus to save me is enough!”
- Thanks be to God! Amen.