



Giving Thanks, Even When Life Doesn't Make Sense...

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Jeremiah 29:4-7

"Every family and every group has at least one person who requires extra grace. And if you look around the table and cannot find the extra-grace-required-person, then it's probably you."

Rick Warren

Psalms 107:22 NLT
Psalms 116:17 NLT
Jeremiah 29:4-7 NIV

"To be in a hostile environment."

"To be in a relational, spiritual, financial, spiritual, or emotional place that does not make sense."

Jeremiah 29:5 "Build houses and settle down..."

Unpack and move in...

Psalms 50:7-11 NLT
Psalms 14-15, 23 NLT
1 Thessalonians 5:18 Message "No matter what happens, be thankful..."
Hebrews 13:15 NLT
Jeremiah 29:5 "...plant gardens and eat what they produce..."

Grow God's miracle where you are...

Colossians 4:2 NIV

Watchful
Thankful

I wish I looked like that- with those hips or that nose or that hair...
I wish I could play an instrument or sing like they do...
I wish I could sell like him or have the brains or energy that guy does...
If only I lived in that house or drove that car had their job...

"The only thing necessary to make us unappreciative of a blessing from God is that we should receive that blessing often and regularly."

- *A hug from your kids going out the door to school.
- *A car that starts...most of the time.
- *A bed to sleep in every night.
- *A house to live in.
- *A glass of water any time we want it.
- *A Starbucks on every corner.

"In the judgment, every man will be held accountable for every blessing he refused to enjoy."
Jewish proverb

Jeremiah 29:5 "...and eat what they produce."

1Peter 3:7" ...dwell with your wife with understanding..."

FOREVER!

Jeremiah 29:6 NLT

"Have you checked out the living room yet?"

Serve God's purpose...

Jeremiah 29:7 NIV

Colossians 3:17 NLT

1Corinthians 7:17 Message- "And don't be wishing you were someplace else or with someone else. Where you are right now is God's place for you. Live and obey and love and believe right there..."

"Salt of the earth"

"Man that was great salt. Honey, how come we don't have salt like this at home? We've got to switch brands."

"This is the true joy of life; being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one, being a force of Nature rather than a feverish selfish little cloud of ailments complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy."

George Bernard Shaw

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