

FAMILY CHURCH WORSHIP PLAN

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OIKOS EVANGELISM LIST

"... Pray, but ask God to open a door for us to preach, that we may tell the mystery of Christ...." [Colossians 4:3]

	NAME	RELATION- SHIP	METHOD OF CONDUCTION	SPIRITUAL LEVEL	NOTE
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Level 1) able to commit Level 2) open to the Gospel Level 3) open to Evangelists

Level 4) knows about Christianity but is negative Level 5) don't know anything about Christianity

PRAYER FOR HOUSE CHURCH

"...If two of you agree about anything, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven" [Matthew 18:19]

	NAME	PRAYER REQUEST
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PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

- 1. For Pastor, Paul Gihong Han's ministry, health, and family
- 2. For missionaries' GMI ministry, health, and families
- 3. For church and ministries/events
- The 4th Thousand days Special Early Morning Prayer Meeting
- GTD #210(Women's, 11/30~12/3, Rector: Cho. EunJoo)
- Home Church Shepherd Appointment Ceremony (11/30)
- a welcome night for the newcomer(12/4) Grace Choir Festival (12/14)
- Christmas Sunday service (12/21) EDU Family Christmas Worship (12/19)
- Christmas Day All-Family Thanksgiving Worship (12/25)
- Shepherds' Year-End Night (12/30) New Year's Eve Service (12/31)



Family church worship plan 2025, 11, 30

5th Week of November: "The Gratitude That Transforms Our Lives" (Job 1:20-21)

■ Welcome

As we look back on the year, let's share a memorable reason for gratitude—something we cannot forget. Also, let's share one of the gracious things we received through last week's Grace Time.

■ Text: Job 1:20-21

20 At this, Job got up, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell to the ground in worship. 21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

■ Introduction

Thanksgiving traces its origins to 1620, when the English Puritans, seeking 'freedom of worship and faith', sailed to America aboard the Mayflower and offered thanks to God for their first harvest. Their journey was perilous—leaving their homeland and spending more than a month at sea. During their first winter, 45 of the 102 passengers died from cold and disease. Nearly every household lost one or two family members. It was a situation far more fitting for sorrow and despair than for gratitude.

Yet, with the help of Native Americans, the Puritans gathered their first harvest and made a deliberate decision to offer thanksgiving to God in worship.

In Scripture, there is also a person who exemplified such radical gratitude: Job. As precious as the Puritans' thanksgiving is, Job's gratitude is even more profound. If one were to choose the greatest model of thanksgiving in the entirety of Scripture, it would not be an exaggeration to say it is Job. On this Thanksgiving Sunday, as we look back on the grace God has given us throughout the year, we desire to learn the path of gratitude from Job.

■ Observation Question: What kind of gratitude do we learn from Job?

Answer 1. Give thanks to God even in suffering you cannot understand (v.20).

Upon hearing the news that he had lost all his possessions and children, Job tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell to the ground in worship. In the depths of shock and grief, Job first expressed his sorrow. Yet his response was not resentment—it was worship, falling to the ground before God.

We, however, often let our faith waver with even small hardships, allowing disappointment to fill our hearts. But Job, even in sorrow, approached God in worship. Through tears, he bowed himself before the Lord. In that very place, Job offered the



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highest form of thanksgiving—a true thanksgiving of worship. To worship God without complaint in the midst of absolute loss reflects a deeply rooted faith.

Thanksgiving is not something we offer because we understand everything. It is not something we give only when we feel like it. True thanksgiving is given by faith—that is the meaning of the command, "Give thanks in all circumstances."

* Three Levels of Thanksgiving

- ① Conditional Thanksgiving (If Thanksgiving)
- ② Thanksgiving Because of Blessings (Because Thanksgiving)

Application Question 1

1) Share any situations or hardships you experienced this past year that you could not understand.

Answer 2. Give thanks by acknowledging God's sovereignty.

After losing everything, Job confessed in verse 21, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

The gains and losses of life fall under the absolute sovereignty of God. Job viewed the loss of his possessions and children as taking place under God's sovereign hand. Standing before God even after losing everything—and still praising His name—is the essence of gratitude that acknowledges His sovereignty.

Similarly, David sought God's mercy through a week of fasting while his child born to Bathsheba was still alive. But when the child died, David got up, washed, anointed himself, changed his clothes, went to the house of the Lord to worship, and then returned to the palace to eat (2 Samuel 12:20).

(2 Samuel 12:20) "Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions, and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate."

David's response shows a heart that fully acknowledges God's sovereignty in all things. He accepted the decision of the Sovereign Lord, worshiped Him, and submitted to Him. This too is an expression of thanksgiving.

Application Question 2

1) Thanksgiving does not begin when "things go the way I want," but when we trust God's rule. In the situation where you currently see no reason to give thanks, what can you still give thanks for?

Answer 3. Give thanks by unwaveringly trusting in God's goodness and power.



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(Job 13:15) "<u>Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him</u>; but I will maintain my own ways before Him." (KJV)

This verse reveals Job's extreme trust in God. Even if God were to take his life, Job was determined to maintain his integrity before Him. This is faith that refuses to abandon God's goodness and righteousness regardless of circumstances.

When we give thanks to God, we are making a declaration of faith—trusting in His goodness, His power, and His providence. It is a confession that everything lies under God's rule and that He ultimately works all things together for good.

Our relationship with the Lord is one of trust even unto death. We died with Christ on the cross and were raised with Him. Such deep union calls us to trust and thank Jesus wholeheartedly as our Lord and the Son of God. When this trust is present, we finally experience true rest and satisfaction.

\$ Application Question 3

1) If we have died with Christ on the cross and been raised with Him, what area of my life must I fully surrender to God? What "my way, my will, my experience" am I still holding onto?

Answer 4. Turn suffering into an opportunity for spiritual growth through thanksgiving.

(42:5) "My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You."

Job's suffering was not merely pain—it became the pathway through which he came to know God more deeply. He moved from a God he had only heard about to a God he encountered personally, from knowledge to experience.

Thanksgiving transforms suffering into an opportunity for spiritual growth. When we say, "Thank You," even in hardship, we are acknowledging the providence of God who is working beyond what we can see. We trust that the Lord will use that suffering to shape us into mature and complete people of faith.

David also experienced years of hardship after being anointed king—10 to 15 years of fleeing from King Saul. During this time, David learned to fear God, to lead according to God's Word, and to govern people with justice. These lessons prepared him to become Israel's greatest king. Many of the Psalms he wrote during these painful years have since become spiritual treasures that continue to strengthen countless believers.

Thanksgiving is not a feeling—it is a choice of faith. Thanksgiving is not about circumstances—it is a confession of trust. Thanksgiving is not based on reality—it is fixing our eyes on God. This confession of gratitude will transform your life: "Lord, even when I do not understand, I will give thanks. You are good, and You are my God."

Application Question 4

- 1) What is the one thing I must give thanks for today by faith?
- 2) In the difficulties I am facing, what aspect of God's character (His goodness, faithfulness, guidance, comfort, etc.) am I learning anew?