



## Practices to Form a Life of Gratitude

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### Occasions for Gratitude

Blessings physical, relational, emotional, and spiritual  
(Psalm 103.1-5)

### Rhythms of Gratitude

- Giving thanks at daily meals (Luke 24.30, Acts 27.35)
- Recounting God's faithfulness in the morning, at midday, and in the evening (Lamentations 3.22-23, Daniel 6.10)
- Celebrating God's faithfulness at key annual remembrances of redemption and provision (Exodus 23.13-17)

### Patterns of Gratitude

- Fill in the blank:  
"What a day of joy, Lord, because \_\_\_\_."
- Wanting what you have:  
"Wouldn't it be great if \_\_\_\_\_. Can you imagine? But what are the chances of that?!"
- Acrostic gratitude (Psalm 145)  
"Thank you, Lord, for a\_\_\_\_, for b\_\_\_\_, for c\_\_\_\_, etc."
- Berakah prayer:  
"I bless you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has given us \_\_\_\_."
- Dayenu prayer  
"If He had \_\_\_\_ but had not \_\_\_\_, even that would have been enough."

### Expressions of Gratitude

- Respond to it (praise in the moment)
- Record it (daily journal or gratitude jar)
- Commemorate it (standing stones)
- Recount it (sharing our thanks with others)



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