

Sermon Guide

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



- ▶ What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?
- ▶ How did you spend or how are you planning to spend Thanksgiving?
- ▶ What are you thankful for this year? How have you seen God work in your life in 2020?

Read [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#)

1. What three commands does Paul give? Which command is the easiest for you? Which is the most difficult for you?
2. Are joy and sorrow incompatible? How can you rejoice always?
3. What does it mean to “pray without ceasing”?
4. What reason does Paul give for these three commands?

GROW



- ▶ How can you better incorporate rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks in your daily life?

GLORIFY

Take a moment to give thanks to the Lord for all he has done in your life. Take a moment to also read and reflect on the following prayer:

“Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen” (The Book of Common Prayer).

Following, listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to “[Great Things](#)” by Phil Wickham.