

# Pastor Dave Rohde

## For Sunday, March 26th "Giving Thanks"

### **Psalm 100** – *NIV*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

### **Philippians 1:3-11** – *NIV*

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

**Takeaway:** Including prayers of thanksgiving in our daily routine reminds us that God is always working and always looking out for us (even when we can't see it).

### **Questions:**

1. What's one thing you're grateful for right now?
2. Do you find it easy or difficult to take up an "attitude of gratitude?" Why do you think it is difficult or easy for you?
3. Reflect on Philippians 1:9-11. What can we learn from Paul interweaving a prayer of thanksgiving with a prayer of petition?

4. Acts 16 tells the story of Paul visiting Philippi. We're told that after being beaten and imprisoned, Paul and Silas pray and sing praises to God from their cell (Acts 16:25). What can we learn from the way they approach God?

**Sermon:** <https://podcast.wpcwestlake.org/services/mp3/sermon20230326.mp3>

**Service Video:** <https://youtu.be/C8oF5AtfNKo>