

FBC Devotion Tuesday October 12 2021 Acts 4:17 Counting Our Blessings

“He never left them without evidence of himself and his goodness. For instance, he sends you rain and good crops and gives you food and joyful hearts.”

Many years ago I heard the story of a poor man who was given a loaf of bread. He thanked the baker, but the baker said, “Don’t thank me. Thank the miller who made the flour.” So he thanked the miller, but the miller said, “Don’t thank me. Thank the farmer who planted the wheat.”

So he thanked the farmer. But the farmer said, **“Don’t thank me. Thank God and Him alone.”** He gave the sunshine and rain and fertility to the soil, and that’s why you have bread to eat.”

You see, regardless of how sophisticated, how advanced we may be scientifically, we still can’t create, we still can’t make a kernel of corn or wheat. That has to come from God. **God gives us the things we need in order to live on this planet.**

That is why Thanksgiving is so important each year. We need this reminder. We need it because it forces us to add it all up and recognize and reflect where all these things we enjoy actually come from.

The story is told about a man who decided to fly his lighter-than-air balloon all the way around the world. So, on Day 1, he planned to fly from City A to City B. But a wind came along that he hadn’t counted on and he found himself being forced to land in City C.

He didn’t know much about City C. But that is where he found himself, so he stayed there for a while and discovered that it was a pretty nice place to be. He saw all the sights, enjoyed the people, and made new friends in City C.

Then he decided to fly from City C to City D. But another contrary wind came and forced him to land in City E. He didn’t even know that City E existed, but there he was. So he met the people, absorbed their culture, looked at all the sights, and made new friends in City E too.

He finally made his way around the world, not exactly landing everywhere he had planned, landing in different places from time to time. But always finding blessings everywhere he went

Life is a lot like that, isn’t it? You may be at A, thinking that you’re going to B. But something happens, and suddenly you find yourself at C. That wasn’t what you had planned, but you find blessings at C you didn’t even know existed.

So wherever you are, thank God and learn to be content with the blessings that He showers upon you day by day.

Our God is big enough to handle it all, folks. Remember, **the greatest blessing that you and I have ever received is the indescribable, immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ,** as our Saviour and Lord. His great sacrifice at Calvary covers our sins and gives us the assurance that after we depart this life through Jesus, we will receive the greatest gift of all - eternal life in the presence of our Saviour.

Surely this is enough to make us thankful. I pray that this will be a most meaningful thanksgiving week for all of us!