



**G**REETINGS TO YOU ALL IN THE GREAT NAME OF JESUS! *I hope all of you are doing well—rejoicing with the Hope we have in Christ, praying constantly, giving thanks in everything because of His great love for us.*

AS USUAL, 2018 SEEMS LIKE IT HAS FLOWN by and here we are at the end of the year. We wanted to give a few updates about TSF and let you know about some of the plans for the days ahead.

This year especially, I have been constantly reminded about keeping focused on the “main things”—the foundational, often simple truths and practices that keep us heading in the right direction with the right attitude. This year, the focus for me has been on *giving thanks*.

*“I will give thanks to the LORD  
with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.”  
Psalm 9:1*

We know that cultivating a constant “attitude of gratitude” is first and foremost in nurturing our relationship with Father-God *in Christ* and *with one another*. As Paul tells us, “*give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

This year, I have *a lot* to be thankful for. This year has been a milestone year for me in many ways. TSF celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year. And as providence would have it, Jill and I celebrated our 25th anniversary as well. I also turned 50.

As I think about each of these, I am so *thankful* for the Lord’s provision; He has carried us along, providing for our needs, allowing us so many incredible opportunities to grow and find joy in His goodness and grace. These years have had their share

of trouble and doubt and worry and pain. But now, having a larger and broader perspective to see how all of these have “worked together for good,” the only response I have is to be so thankful to the Lord for being so faithful and gracious to me, my family, and my spiritual family that has grown through TSF.

I would encourage you stop for just a minute and think about just one thing for which you are thankful right now, and give thanks to Father-God for His provision. *I bet you’ll be able to think of more than one*. I also know that taking a moment to express gratitude to the One—the Father of lights—from whom every perfect gift comes will change your view of whatever circumstances you are in (James 1:17-18).

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## What is Happening with TSF?

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, I have been teaching on Biblical Eschatology—what the Bible reveals about the End Times from Genesis to Revelation. This year, we are finishing out this larger study by focusing on **The Book of Revelation**. We are all fascinated (sometimes terrified) by this last book of the Bible. Nevertheless, it holds a blessing for all who read it, hear it, and keep the things revealed there (Revelation 1:3). All the current sessions are now posted online if you would like to follow along. You can find the links on our website: [www.tsfmemphis.org](http://www.tsfmemphis.org).

In addition, to the classes, I also meet with men in smaller groups and one-to-one sessions throughout the week for encouragement and training. In general,

let me say that *we all need prayer*. We are living in very difficult times and we are all presented with extraordinary pressures and temptations, maybe more than in any other period of history.

So many of the men I meet with are dealing with struggles in their marriages and in the raising of their children. They are also being tempted to become apathetic to eternally significant things by the lesser and temporary distractions offered by our culture. (*I am not intentionally excluding women here; I know that you are facing many of the same issues.*)

At the same time, I am so encouraged to see so many men stepping up to “fight the good fight” for their wives, children, and friends. I am so thankful for *all* our students and partners in ministry who have been and continue to be such a source of encouragement to me. *Let’s continue to pray for one another as we teach and encourage one another.*

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## What’s On the Web?

This year, we reworked our podcast feed, *Follow (Jesus for Life)*. The podcast has audio of our current classes updated each week and we are planning to do more with it in the coming year.

Right now, we are working to produce a focused, topic oriented, “talk show” series for the podcast where we will be addressing issues related to following Christ faithfully in our current culture. We hope to have interviews and discussions with various men and women who can help us all *make our journey worthy of our destination* as we talk about some of the key topics and fundamental truths that we develop in our MilktoMeat curriculum.

You can find a link to the podcast feed on the home page of our website. You can also find us on your Podcast app on your phone or in iTunes by searching for “Follow Jesus for Life” or my name, Stacy Tyson.

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## A Couple of Ways You Can Help

As I shared at the end of last year, we are now at a point in the life of TSF where we *depend* on the continued

generosity of our financial supporters on a monthly basis. This year, I have been so overwhelmed and thankful for all of you who have given so graciously to us. The Lord has provided for our needs *through* you!

We wanted to remind you of a couple of ways you can help financially. First, we have our Honorarium and Memorial program with which you can honor or remember a friend or loved one. Please give us a call if you would like more information on this.

If you shop at Kroger, you can also sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your shopping will be donated to TSF. You can sign up online (just search for Kroger Community Rewards Program) or at a Kroger store. On the sign up form list Truth Seekers Fellowship or our identification number EA216 to designate us as the recipient of your generosity.

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## Please Pray for Us as We Pray for You

As we bring this letter to a close, *could I ask you to please continue praying for us?* The Lord has been so gracious to us this year and provided for us in so many incredible ways. We continue to trust Him and rely on Him to provide for our needs through all of you who bless us for His sake!

Would you please join us in praying for the following:

- For **wisdom to be pleasing to the Lord** in all things,
- For the **financial resources** we need this year (and next) to keep the ministry moving forward,
- For the **spiritual growth and protection** of the men I meet with during the week and ALL the men *and* women in all our classes,
- For **new opportunities for ministry**—new students, new areas of outreach.

I constantly give thanks for you all—our students and supporters—who have been and continue to be such a vital part of TSF.

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