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GIVE THANKS IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: *Give thanks* in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:17-19).

Romans 8:28 *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”*

TRUTHS/NUGGETS

1. Habakkuk 3:17-18 “Though the fig tree does not blossom and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”
2. Fig tree does not blossom; if there is no promise.
3. No grapes on the vine; no fruit of my labour.
4. Olive crop fails; no promise of anointing.
5. Fields produce no foods; no sign of wealth.
6. No sheep in the pen; no daily provision.
7. No cattle in the stalls; nothing to sustain.
8. Yet I will rejoice; no stone will cry out in my place to praise Him. Nothing will rob me of my praise.

9. I will joy in the God of my salvation; my faith in my joy giving thanks in every circumstance.
10. Great faith works in the valley, in adversity. Great praise, great faith develops in the wilderness.

FINAL THOUGHTS

1. 2003 was undoubtedly the most challenging year in our lives;
2. Demons were surrounding me like hyenas.
3. Just when you go through stuff, some bigger crisis waits to rob you from your testimony.
4. Breakthroughs are never easy, never cheap, non-negotiable and something has to break to give you breakthrough.
5. No woman comes out of the maternity ward with her make up still in place.
6. I remember selling property in the middle of the night to fight off demons.
7. I have learnt when I am in the valley to give thanks in every situation.
8. In faith give thanks, in the lion's den, in the fiery furnace, in the pit – these places are the battlefields that give birth to great faith in giving thanks.

“Reach for the top, the bottom is overcrowded!” – JEROME LIBERTY