



**Psalm 118: Be thankful...even now?  
A devotional by Jon Crantz**

What are you thankful for? A strange question to ask during a time and a season of great uncertainty, despair, frustration, and doubt. But the question remains: what *are* you thankful for?

The writer of the Psalms was a person of great gratitude to God, even during difficult times. If Psalm 118 was written by King David, we see the refrain of gratitude twice, in the first verse and the last:

**“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever.”**

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**Psalm 118:1&29 (ESV)**

The in-between verses are telling, David describes his extreme distress in this Psalm, with his enemies surrounding him, ready to destroy God’s people. The situation was dire and seemingly hopeless. And yet, David begins and ends the Psalm with thanksgiving.

What are you thankful for? Perhaps during this season, it is an increasingly difficult question to answer. There may not be much to be thankful for. Your honesty toward God is most welcomed. Perhaps you’re afraid of the near and distant future. You’re work and business may come to an end. You’re incredibly alone while at home. You’re overwhelmed with your children while at home. You’re sick and wondering if you have COVID-19. It’s hard to be thankful.

As we continue in Holy Week, I encourage you to be thankful. Even if it feels like there’s nothing to be thankful for, we can know deep down that there is always one thing to be thankful for: that is the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We can be thankful to God for what He did and has done in Jesus. Let’s dwell on this historical and theological truth in our despair and in the uncertainty of the future. Let’s

raise our hearts and voices to God in gratitude for the Savior, Jesus Christ, His work on the cross and the empty tomb; that we can have a new life, real life, abundant life in Him...forever!

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