

“Thanks!”

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“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”. I Thessalonians 5:16-18. **In** everything give thanks...not **for** everything give thanks. That is a mistake people make. We think we have to thank God for everything that happens to us. What happens is when hard times come we start getting all-mad at God. We think, *“How am I supposed to thank God for mother having cancer, or my dog getting hit by a car, or my boyfriend running off with someone else?”* We’re not supposed to thank God for the unfortunate events. But while in the hard times we need to stay thankful. Why did the Pilgrims celebrate the first Thanksgiving? Depending where you read, some say the Pilgrims were thankful because they had a good harvest. I’m sure they were thankful for the harvest, but they celebrated because God had brought them through the harsh winter. The Pilgrims weren’t bitter at God for all those who died. How do you know brother? Because they celebrated and thanked God! Even though the Pilgrims faced a horrific situation they still thanked God. Do you know why? It is because they had faith! They had every right to complain, but they didn’t. The Pilgrims thanked God because they trusted God. Romans 8:28 says *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”*.

In our times of trouble this is when we get to know God. When it seems like God is hiding from us and He seems like He is not available. God is there! We need to trust Him. We need to thank Him!

