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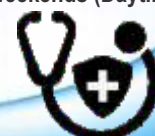
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Each generation looks back at hair styles, clothes and terminology and poke fun at it and say, I cant believe I dressed like that or looked like that or talked like that! Like, Groovy baby, cool cat, way out, that's cool, that's bad (meaning good), awesome, do you dig it and many more that slip my mind. Its been a long time since I used any of that slang terminology and never really did. I never was very cool myself. Now, I used a lot of old country sayings and I still do and frankly they really made more sense than a lot of this street slang. So why am I telling you all this. Well, I heard the word awesome until it was coming out my ears and we had an outbreak of using the word awesome. It started with the street children and the next thing I knew the adults were using it and it became a social obsession of sorts. Even the church folk jumped on board and even the preachers. I visited a church a few years back and this preacher must have used that word, awesome at least 20 or 25 times in his sermon. After we left my wife ask me the title of his sermon and I said, Awesome, I guess. So, thats how we are. What ever is being dished out by the world we church folks jump on board and we should not. Even though it may be perfectly fine, but we are to be a separate peculiar people the word says in Titus 2:14. Not fanatical nor strange, but different because in fact when you become that new creature in Christ Jesus then you are different. If you are not different then you are the same and if you are the same then you are not a new creature (person) in Christ. The word says, Old things pass away and all things become new, with this new conversion. So you are definitely different and we should not look like the world and talk like the world. Some church folks think that we will win more to the lord if we use their terminology and do as they do hopefully without sin. Well, that is questionable, because theres a big difference in truly winning them to Christ and in putting their name on a list or a roll call. What got me on to this thought is because we are now hearing, My bad, everywhere you go. On television, My bad, and now it has infiltrated into every segment of society. Im just waiting to hear the president say, My bad. As with the word awesome they are fixing to beat this, My bad, to death. Now, before we Christians start using it to be cool, let us stop and think about it first. Before they came with this, My bad, we would say, My mistake, or better yet, Sorry, my mistake! Now, the definition of the word bad sounds bad. One meaning of the word bad that stood out like a sore thumb was this, It is offensive to moral standards. Well, just because I made an innocent mistake Im not going to say, Its bad or Im bad! I am not bad and I will not accept bad. I am a Christian and I try not to do bad. The word mistake means an error of judgment. Now, I know we try to sugar coat sin and say, Oh I made a mistake. Well, sometimes that is true, but some times we plain out sin and that is bad, but it may not be intentionally. You see there is a difference in all out practicing sin and in falling short by committing a wrong. Call it my bad on that if you wish, but if you are really a different person than you use to be then you will quickly repent. The old person could have cared less, but the new one feels very guilty and repents. The devil is subtly slipping in tricky words to set a trap for us. Like he did with the politically correct which brought in the word tolerance which means compromise. So, it ain't my bad, because I ain't bad! Are you? If not then can you say amen?

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Thanksgiving calls us to lean into gratitude, and I'll confess—I haven't always greeted dawn with a thankful heart. But when I do, it's like a key unlocking joy, even in the little things. Take my grown kids, trekking home for the holiday, pitching in with the feast if I'll wait. That's their code for "Mom, be patient, we want to help." I've always enjoyed having everything ready so we can dig in! So, I will wait. Waiting isn't wasted—it's the soil for something new, like those precious holiday moments when we're all together, hearts full. When I rise with thanks, lingering in quiet with the Lord, I step into the day whispering, It's a beautiful day.

Maybe you're counting down to Thanksgiving with excitement, or maybe it's bittersweet—our brave forces stand guard, holiday or not, and family tensions or personal struggles can loom large.

But here's a challenge: wake up thankful. It's not instant; it takes grit and patience. Start now. Picture the mustard seed Jesus spoke of in Luke 17:6. That speck of a seed wasn't just small—it sprouted a wild, unstoppable plant, claiming fields, defying doubt, and uprooting lies with God's fierce truth. The disciples, hearts pounding, begged, "Increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5). Jesus pointed to that seed—not a call for more faith, but for faith that digs deep, grows bold, and blazes with love.

My prayer, from 1 Corinthians 13:3, is wild and heartfelt: may faith, hope, and love take root like that mustard seed, spreading through our homes, our nation, and even to the ends of the earth. It's bold, but that's the faith Jesus stirred in us—His love pouring through our hands and hearts. Let's keep all our forces and veterans in our daily prayers, their sacrifices a sacred gift, their courage a beacon of hope.

This Thanksgiving, let your faith bloom into a mighty tree, its branches offering shelter (Matthew 13:31-32). Invite a service member's family to your table, a veteran, or open your heart to someone new. Make it a beautiful day, one where faith, hope, and love sow a harvest of joy and peace that echoes far beyond the season.

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A Thanksgiving Psalm (After Psalm 7:17)

I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness,
and sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Before the table is set and the candles are lit,
before the first knife parts the burnished bird,
I lift my heart like a cup already brimming.

For the God who threshes mountains into chaff
has spared this small life again;
His justice rolled like thunder over my enemies,
yet His mercy fell soft as November rain upon my roof.

The wicked snared themselves in the net they spread;
their arrows turned mid-flight and found their own hearts.
But I—I sit here whole, hands unbloodied, breath unbroken,
surrounded by faces He has not taken away.

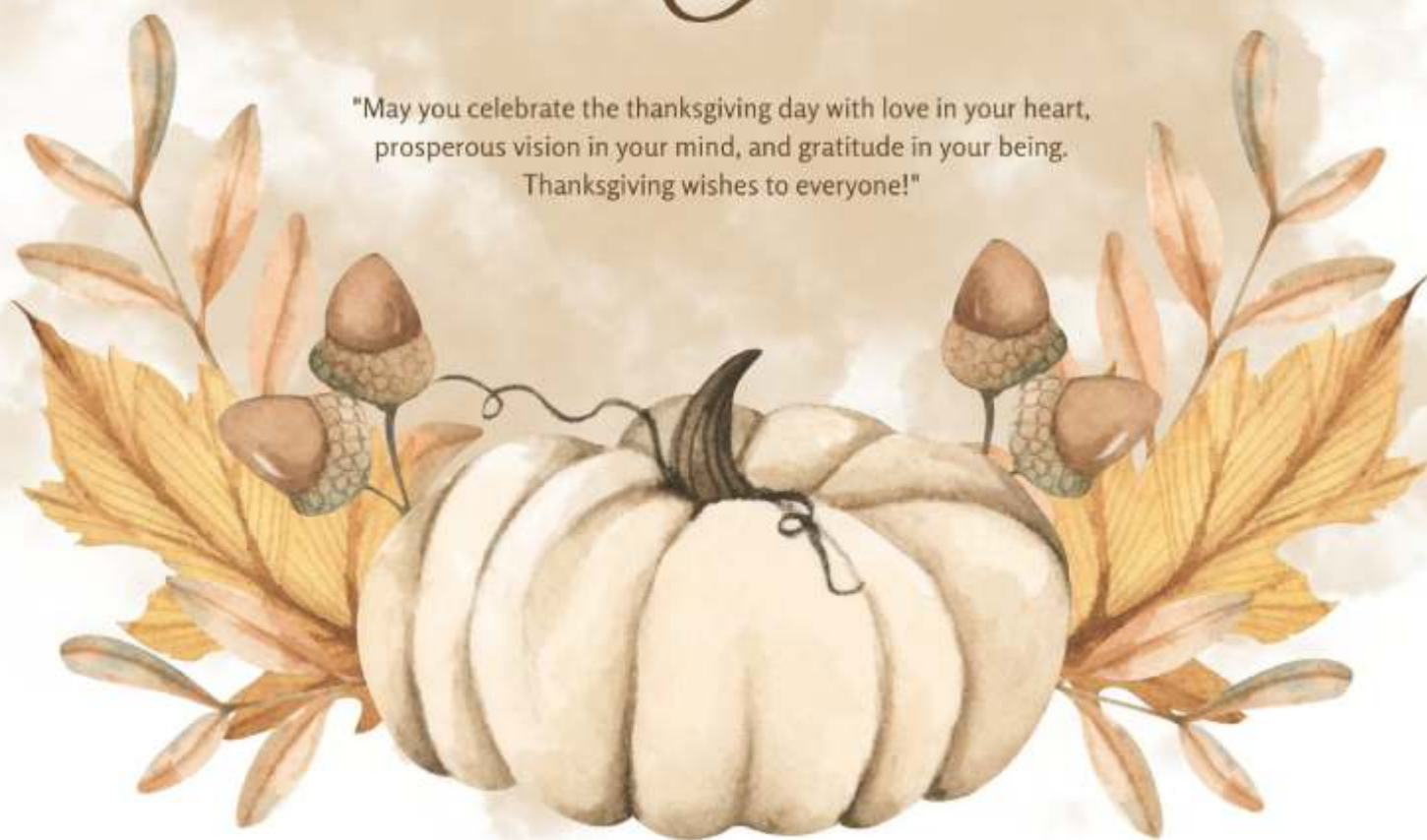
So let the gravy pool like molten gold,
let the cranberries blaze their tart alarm,
let every forkful be an amen,
let laughter roll like joyful hallelujahs.

The LORD Most High has bent the heavens low
and set a feast inside my narrow days.
How can I keep silent when such joy floods my soul?

I Will Give Thanks to the LORD Because of His Righteousness. Psalm 7:17

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