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*Helping the Hurting and the  
Homeless  
in the Name of Jesus Christ*

**What a crazy Thanksgiving season this is turning out to be.** We have a presidential election still hanging in the balance, the Corona virus continues to cause us grief and the nightly news is just plum full of angry and divided people. So, for this month's letter, instead of focusing on the many negative and challenging aspects of this year, **I would like to zero in on what Thanksgiving is all about... giving thanks.**

**Even though 2020 has been less than amazing, we have so much to be thankful for.** I would like to share with you some of those things that I thank God for.

First, I am very **thankful for the Word of God** and the fact that it remains solid regardless of what is happening around us. I can always count on God's Word as an anchor in the storm.

Likewise, **I am thankful for the sovereignty of God.** If my future was wrapped up in the state of the economy or the man in the Oval Office, I would never be able to sleep! What an absolute treasure to be able to rest confidently in God's sovereignty. He has a perfect plan that no scheme of man could ever interrupt.

**I thank God for the ministry of the Norfolk Rescue Mission** and the staff who are so willing to serve faithfully even in hard times. Knowing that our doors will continue to remain open for hurting people brings me a great sense of satisfaction. I'm thankful to be part of such an important ministry.

I'm also very **thankful for the services provided by local law enforcement.** It's very sad that this is now supposed to be a controversial position. Back in my day, it was woven into the fabric of society that we learned to respect officers of the law. I have taught my kids and will teach my grandchildren to do the same. **Thank you to all who wear the uniform!**

**There are others in uniform that I am thankful for... paramedics, firefighters, teachers and nurses to name a few.** These men and women make so many sacrifices to serve us. This Thanksgiving, I tip my hat to you. You folks are amazing!

**I thank God for the founding documents of this great nation.** The *Declaration of Independence* and *Constitution* have kept America great for hundreds of years. I thank God for giving wisdom and foresight to our founders so that we can truly enjoy freedom.

**I am very thankful for my parents** and the godly heritage they have established for many future generations. They have provided me a solid foundation in which to build my Christian faith. This in turn has been passed on to their grandchildren and my grandchildren as well.

**I thank God for giving me a faithful woman of God to be my wife.** She has blessed me immeasurably over these past 25 years of marriage. Likewise, she has done an outstanding job in raising our six children to be the amazing young ladies and gentlemen that they are. Thank you God for my family!

I'm thankful for so many other things as well... trout fishing in *Verdigre Creek*, taking walks around *Skyview Lake*, enjoying a nice cup of fresh ground coffee and taking in the sounds and smells of a pound of bacon on the skillet.

What about you?

**Are you willing to take some time this month to simply reflect on what you are truly thankful for?** Can you lay aside the bad news long enough to refocus on what God has and is doing in your life? Pollyanna played the "Glad Game", the Apostle Paul encouraged us to "rejoice always" and **I am now asking you to join me in exercising this great duty called... Thanksgiving.**

***He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me. 2 Sam. 22:20 ESV***

Finally, I am thankful for the donors who have offered a **\$15,500 Banquet Matching Challenge**. Though we were not able to hold an in-person banquet, we still hope to collect a healthy “banquet offering”. **Your generous gifts will be matched, dollar for dollar through this very amazing offer.** Thank you for helping us help others.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor Will

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