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MAKING MUCH OF JESUS

with Pastor Jason Teal

"Count Your Blessings" is probably one of the most popular Christian hymns in the world. The author of this hymn is Johnson Oatman

Jr. Knowing that he had a great calling on his life but would likely not be a great preacher, he set out to seek God's will for his life. At the age of 35, he realized that calling. Although he couldn't sing like his talented father, he could write song lyrics that contained power and passion. This gift led him to write over 200 hymns a year eventually penning over 5000 hymns. He had found his way to preach the Gospel!

Our blessings can often be overlooked when we go through difficult times. It is the disappointments and setbacks of life that demand our attention which often cause us to lose sight of the work that the Lord is doing for His Glory and for our Good. So many scriptures come to mind as I think about our "walking through the valley of the shadow of death". The valleys can be so terrifying. Be encouraged...

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

- James 1:12

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:19

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah

- Psalm 68:19

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ

- Philippians 4:6-7

Family, I am writing this to you today so that you might be encouraged to notice the good that God is doing. Take some time today and count your blessings. That's right, sit down and make a list. As you do that, pray this simple prayer: "Lord, please help me see things the way you see things. Help me know where it is you would like me to go. Open my eyes to see the depth of your love for me and my family. Even in my sorrow, Lord, please help me feel the embrace of your loving arms. Amen".

Remember the chorus to the song penned by Johnson Oatman Jr. "Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done". Take a full inventory of what God has and is doing in your life today. May those results lead you to a place of peace, satisfaction, confidence, and courage. May that lead you to **PROCLAIM HIS EXCELLENCIES** to the world around you. Let's make much of Jesus together!

Much Love and Many Blessings, Pastor Jason



upcoming church events + info

Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday, March 1 at 10:30a in the Annex

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, March 13 at 6:30p in the sanctuary

Grief Share

Join us on Sundays from 5:30p to 7:30p in the Martha Classroom.

Stop the Bleed. Save a Life

Two new AED's are located in the Children's Building. The AED's are located at the upstairs and downstairs welcome desk. The AED sign is posted on the wall where the box is located. Inside the box you will find the AED with adult pads and children's pads available. There is a small red bag inside the AED box with equipment that will assist with CPR and the use of the AED.

Inside the AED box is a Stop the Bleed Save a Life Bag. This bag is intended to be used in Life-threatening bleeding situations where people are injured in serious accidents or disasters.







Thrive Young Adults

To donate items for the silent auction contact: Lori Andrews 478.960.6690

Life Groups: The Thrive College/Young Adult ministry is excited about our "Life Groups" that were launched during the month of February. These groups will provide another opportunity for believers to gather in community for a season in order to foster spiritual growth and encouragement. It also provides a wonderful opportunity for outreach. Please be praying for these groups and their leaders.

