

All Church FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

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OCTOBER 30TH



6:30 PM

WESLEYVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

SERMON SERIES
NO LIMBS, NO LIMITS
FAITH | PURPOSE | A GREATER GOD

SERMON 2

Be Thankful for What You Have... *Even When God Says No*

JAMES 1:2-4

BIG IDEA:
Gratitude is not denying pain—
it is trusting that God is still good
when the answer is no.



FAITH IS REVEALED
WHEN LIFE IS HARD.
JAMES 1:2-4



GOD'S "NO" DOES NOT
MEAN GOD'S ABSENCE.
ROMANS 8:28



EVEN IN THE WAITING,
THERE IS PURPOSE.



October 04, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Praise Song - *"Trust in God"*

Choir - *"Gratitude"*

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering / Doxology

Children's Message / Children's Church

Praise Song - *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

Sermon - *"Be Thankful for What You Have... Even When God Says No"*

Communion

Closing Song - *"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"*

Benediction

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Diaconate Board Meeting – Tues. / Oct. 6th 6:00 pm

Pray for Our Church – Thursday / 9:00 am

Choir Practice – Thursday / Oct. 8th 6:30 pm

COMING NEXT WEEK

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship Service

CE Board Meeting – Tues. / Oct 13th 6:00pm

Men's Fellowship Group – Wed. / Oct. 14th 6:00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Family Movie Night – Fri. / Oct. 30th 6:30 pm

Men of Valor Retreat – Saturday / Nov. 7th

BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE...

Even When God Says No

Primary Scripture: James 1:2–4

1. FAITH IS REVEALED WHEN LIFE IS HARD

Faith is easy to talk about when life is going well. But when circumstances become difficult, prayers seem unanswered, and the path forward is unclear, we discover what our faith is truly anchored to.

God may not immediately change our circumstances. Sometimes He uses the pressure to change **us**.

Ask yourself:

Is my faith anchored in the outcome I want—or in who God is?

2. GOD'S "NO" DOES NOT MEAN GOD'S ABSENCE

An unanswered prayer does not mean God has abandoned us.

Paul asked for his struggle to be removed, but God answered, **"My grace is sufficient for you."** Sometimes God changes the situation; other times He strengthens us within it.

God is faithful when He delivers, **and He is faithful when He sustains.**

Instead of only asking: **"Why isn't this changing?"**

Try asking: **"What is God doing in me through this?"**

3. GRATITUDE IS A POSTURE WE CHOOSE

Biblical gratitude is more than a feeling we experience when life is good. It is a deliberate choice to remember God's goodness even when life is difficult.

5 WAYS TO PRACTICE GRATITUDE THIS WEEK

1. **Write down what you are thankful for.** Be specific.
2. **Look back and gain perspective.** Remember how God has carried you through difficult seasons.
3. **Tell someone what you are going through.** Seek community, counsel, and support.
4. **Anchor yourself in Scripture every day.** Let God's truth become stronger than your emotions.
5. **Go help someone else.** Stepping into another person's need can bring purpose and perspective to your own.

4. WHEN YOU DON'T GET A MIRACLE... BE ONE

Sometimes we spend our lives waiting for God to change our circumstances.

But what if God wants to use us **right where we are?**

Your perseverance can encourage someone.

Your faith can strengthen someone.

Your story can point someone toward Jesus.

When the miracle doesn't come the way you expected, **your life can still become a testimony of God's grace.**

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Think about the place in your life where God seems to be saying "no," "not yet," or simply asking you to trust Him.

Then ask yourself:

What can I thank God for today?

What might God be forming in me through this season?

How can God use my life to be a blessing to someone else?

IF GOD SAYS NO... WILL YOU STILL TRUST HIM?

Real faith is not built only when everything goes our way.

It is built when we choose to trust Him anyway.

His grace is sufficient. His presence is constant. And even when life is hard... He is still good.

