

DAY 10 — Thankful for Hard Lessons

Verse: “*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God.*” — *Romans 8:28*

Being thankful for blessings is easy. Being thankful for hard lessons... that's where the real growth happens. Life has a way of teaching us lessons we never asked for — the kind that stretch us, humble us, and refine us. Lessons that come wrapped in disappointment, tears, waiting, or endings we didn't expect. But here's what's true for every believer: **God never wastes a hard season.** Some lessons come through:

- heartbreak
- financial strain
- broken trust
- sickness
- loneliness
- failure
- or doors that slammed shut in our faces

And even though those moments hurt, they teach us things comfort never could. Hard lessons teach us who God is. They teach us who we are.

They reveal our resilience, expose our need for Him, and strip away things we were never meant to depend on. Think about the lessons in your life that shaped you the most. Chances are, they didn't come from easy days. They came from the valleys — the nights you cried, the prayers you whispered, the battles you didn't think you'd survive. And yet... look at you now.

Stronger. Wiser. More compassionate. More aware of God's presence. More grateful for what truly matters. The lesson wasn't in the pain — the lesson was in the grace that carried you *through* the pain.

We don't thank God for the hardship — we thank Him for what He did *in us* during it.

Every storm taught you something.

Every setback redirected you.

Every closed door protected you.

Every heartbreak softened your heart.

Every loss made room for something new.

God works through every moment — even the ones that didn't feel good — to bring good. So today, take a moment to thank God not just for the blessings that made you smile, but for the hard lessons that made you grow.

Lord, today we thank You for the lessons that have shaped us — even the ones that came through difficulty, heartbreak, or disappointment. Thank You for being present in every season, for turning pain into purpose, and for working all things for our good even when we couldn't see it at the time. Help us trust You in hard moments. Help us learn what You are teaching us without growing bitter or discouraged. Strengthen our hearts, open our understanding, and remind us that nothing we walk through is wasted. We thank You for growth, for wisdom gained, and for the strength built through every challenge. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.