



## Family Devotions

### Devotion 6

### “Thankfully”

#### The Setting:

- Gather in a circle...for today it will be best to be around a table.
- Limit distractions...turn off phones, put away devices, turn off the TV, and focus on each other
- You can light a candle and put it in the middle of your circle to represent that Jesus is in your midst.

#### Open in Prayer

*Dear God,*

*As we come together as a family we ask you to join us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, please help us be open to each other, honest in what we say, and willing to listen to each other. Help this time to be holy. In Jesus' Name, AMEN.*

#### Opening Questions

Ask the following questions, one at a time, and let each person answer. You can go around the circle or you can just let each person answer as they feel led.

1. What are some things you are thankful for?
2. It is easy to complain about what we are missing out on...so let's focus on the blessings. During this time of quarantine, what are you thankful for? What are the good things that are occurring...what are the blessings in the midst of being stuck at home?
3. Since quarantine, are there things that you are missing that you now appreciate more...things that you used to take for granted? What are those things?
4. At some point life will get back to some sense of “normal.” What is something you will miss from this time of being isolated?

#### The Scripture Lesson

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul writes:

***“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”***

1. Why do you think it is so important for Christians to be thankful?
2. What are some things in your life you need to thank God for right now?

#### Activity

Take a moment to give thanks for each person in your family.

Do this by selecting someone, and having everyone else say something they are thankful for about that family-member.

Then, choose another family-member and do the same thing.

Do that for everyone in the family.

## **Close In Prayer**

*Dear God,*

*Help us, as a family and as individuals to love you and to love others even more than we already do. Give us guidance as a family towards being better about putting you front and center in our lives. And, help us show how much we love you by loving others. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.*