

**Kailua Christian Church
Sunday Message
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BEING THANKFUL
God's gift that changes how we live**

“On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As He entered a village, ten lepers approached Him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14 When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus feet and thanked Him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? 19 Then He said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.” 20 Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and He answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; 21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among(within) you.” Luke 17:11-21

I am changed by thankfulness when I ...

I. Speak honestly with Jesus of what I need.

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➤ **What need could I ask Jesus for mercy with?**

II. I pay attention to good changes Jesus does bring to me

“Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.” Luke 17:15

➤ **What changes has Jesus brought to my needs, concerns and prayers?**

III. Make Jesus the focus of my thankfulness

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- How could I be more direct and personal with Jesus in my prayers?

IV. Realize what Jesus does in me shapes what Jesus does through me.

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- How does knowing the Kingdom of God is working in you change how you let Him work through you?

**Thanksgiving 2021
A Mission’s Reminder:**

Every year we take a special Thanksgiving Offering that is designated to ministry efforts out in the community. KCC will once again teamed up with these friends to help those who are dealing with tough challenges, hurting, and need to know the love of Jesus through his people. As we come to this season of thanking the Lord for how blessed we have been, we invite everyone to consider supporting these mission partners.



When sending a check, please note if this is a donation to the Thanksgiving Offering. This year the funds received will go to help our friends at IHS and River of Life Missions, both who deal with Homelessness and many types of health challenges. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

“If we can help people rediscover their strength, and lead them to a path of recovery, they will begin to find hope again.” Connie Mitchell (IHS)