



I've written a ton of "thank yous" in my life—I mean—I'm born and raised in the south by a mother who was born and raised in the south—gentility manner and all that—but writing a "thank you" to my church, well now, that's presented quite a conundrum to me! Oh! Not because I can't think of anything to say, I'm just not sure of how to just say "THANKS"!!!!

Like, how can I just say "THANKS" for being a "port" in the storms of my life or "THANKS" for putting the wind back in my "sails", growing me stronger in my faith, or "THANKS" for "anchoring" me with friendships that provided (and continue to provide) me with encouragement and love? All of this accomplished while we gather to enjoy praising our Lord in song, in laughter, in joy, in tears with all our imperfections.

So back to saying "THANKS." Thanks is a word I've always found to be inadequate when trying to say "thank you" for something that has great meaning. But—that's the word we got! So—I say "THANKS" with great meaning!

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