"Living Thanks" through the Good Times and the Bad.

1 Chronicles 16:34: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.
1 Thessalonians 5:18: Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

"Living Thanks" through the Good Times

1. What is thanksgiving?
   a. Definition
   b. George Washington’s observance
   c. It is the readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

2. Why is thanksgiving important?
   a. We all know Thanks is important!
   b. It is good for us

3. But, why is it important to thank God? - I Chronicles 16:34
   a. Acknowledgement of who God is
   b. It is the Will of God
   c. This is the sacrifice of God’s Disciples
   d. It is a reminder of all God has done

4. How do we thank God?
   a. Remember
   b. Share
   c. Say Thanks!
   d. Respond

5. What stops us from giving thanks to God?
   a. Guilt
   b. Pride
   c. Stuff
   d. God already knows...
   e. Entitlement

"Living Thanks" through the Bad Times

A. Giving thanks “in ALL circumstances”!
   * The context (God’s Will) James 1:2-4
   * Paul’s experience in saying this

B. The One who carries us through
   * The Lord is with me (never leave or forsake)
   * “the spacious place”
   * I will not be afraid
   * What can mortals do to me?
   * He is my helper
   * Triumph!

C. The place -“refuge in the Lord”
   * best place Trust in the Lord

*Conclusion & Challenge
   - “my salvation”
   - Give thanks