





Week One – Pastor Aaron – Story of the 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

- "intentional gratitude"

Week Two – Pastor Dave – Story of royal official, son was dying (John 4:43-54)

- Jesus as Savior trusting the promise of God
- Reflecting with gratitude, he and his household came to faith



# Foundation for Giving Thanks – Psalm 136

Uniqueness of Psalm:

The Great Hallel (Great Psalm of Praise) - read at Passover

<u>Antiphonal Psalm - statement/response</u>

**TODAY: Worship leader and congregation!** 







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Love endures forever.... NIV
Lovingkindness is everlasting... NASV
Mercy endureth forever... KJV
Love never quits... Message

Faithful love, loyal love, permanent love, covenant love...

"through thick and thin"

"love and commitment" – love for another that is not based on person receiving it.

Perhaps the best definition: STEADFAST LOVE



#### Call to Give Thanks - v.1-3

His love endures forever

God is good!

Other Scriptures: (God of gods, Lord of lords)

Exodus 15:11; Micah 7:18&19









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#### Other Scriptures:

Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."

Romans 1:20 "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

Other Scriptures: Hebrews 11:3; John 1:3



# God's Deliverance v. 10-15

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Other Scripture: Exodus 14:10-14







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Deuteronomy 7:1 "... seven nations larger and stronger than you."





# God Rescuing and Restoring v. 23&24

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Book of Judges.... (possibly post exile...)

- Israel serving God
- Falling into sin/idolatry
- enslaved by enemies (God's faithful discipline)
- Israel cries out to the God
- God raises up a Judge
- Israel delivered back to serving God







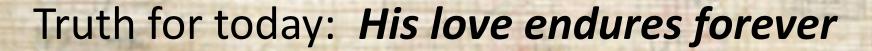
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#### His love endures forever

Psalm 145:8,9 – "The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all he has made."

Matthew 5:45 – "...causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous..."





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- Be thankful, God is good! Start your time of prayer with praising God for who He is!
- **Be thankful for the wonders of God's creation**, and worship the Creator not the created! Scriptures: Psalm 8:3,4; Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-16
- Be thankful for the gift of redemption
  Scriptures: Romans 6:23; John 3:16; Philippians 2:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17

<u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u> – "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

- Be thankful for God's Provision – Leading and Inheritance Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3,4



### Truth for today: His love endures forever

Return to God's Steadfast love – 1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13

Be Merciful! - Show 'hesed' to others....pray for opportunity, join us in the community..... Matthew 5:7

**CLOSING VERSE: v.26** 

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven

Congregation: His love endures forever!





