



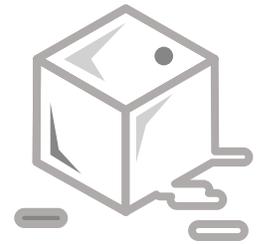
**FORGOTTEN
VIRTUES**

WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025

Sermon: Forgotten Virtues

SPEAKER: PASTOR ELMER CAÑAS JR.

ICEBREAKER



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FALL ACTIVITY?

INTRODUCTION

- Pastor Elmer talks about living in a culture where biblical virtues seem to be fading. Which ones do you think you think people struggle with the most? Which ones do you struggle with the most?

GRATITUDE RECOGNIZES AND RETURNS TO THE SOURCE

- What are some normal things in your life that may often overlook that are gifts from God?
- (Read Luke 17. 15-19) When was the last time you thanked God for an answered prayer?

GRATITUDE REDIRECTS THE HEART

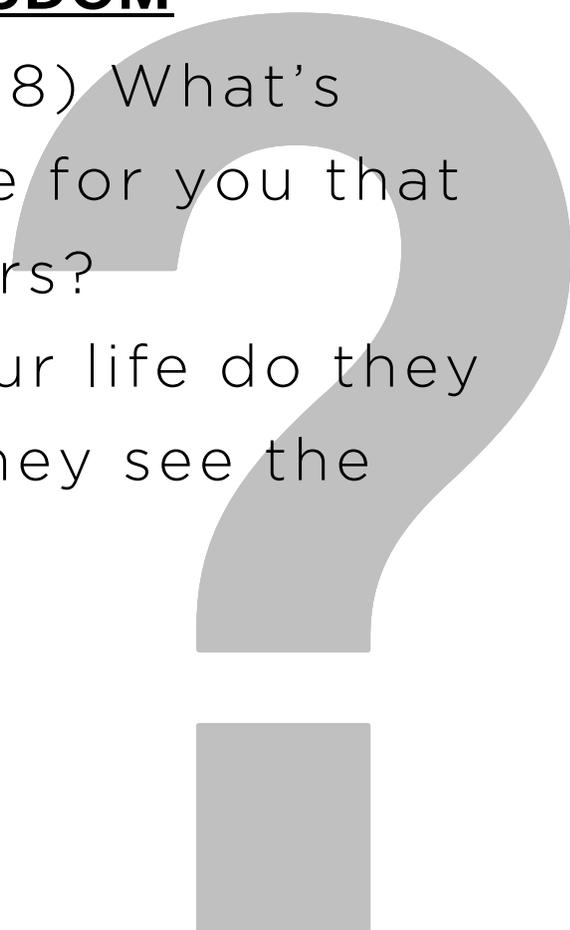
- The sermon frames gratitude as something that helps realign our heart. What are some ways you have experienced gratitude redirecting your heart?

GRATITUDE RESPONDS WITH ACTION

- What might it look like for gratitude to change your daily habits and attitude?
- How can gratitude move you from simply enjoying Gods gifts to actually enjoying God himself?

GRATITUDE RETURNS THE KINGDOM

- (Read 1Thessalonians 5.18) What's something God has done for you that you can share with others?
- When people look at your life do they just see the gift or do they see the Giver?



ENCOURAGE



Today's message was about gratitude. Pastor Elmer shared the story of the ten lepers in Luke—only one returned to give thanks and worship Christ for his cleansing. This reminds us that our attitude should be one of thankfulness to Jesus every single day for His goodness and mercies, even in the smallest things. When our hearts are positioned with gratitude, our lives will naturally be directed toward Him.



ASK

How can you not only be intentional about showing gratitude, but also enjoying His presence this week?



CHALLENGE

Each day, write down three things you're thankful for—big or small. Then, share at least one of them with someone else. Gratitude multiplies when it's spoken! Open your Bible daily this week. Start with Luke 17 or 1 Thessalonians 5. Let God's Word remind you of what you've been saved from—and the incredible gift you've been given in Christ. Don't leave gratitude at church on Sunday. Take it into your Monday! Speak truth out loud in your home, with your family, or during your devotion. Don't just think it—say it, sing it, declare it.

PRAYER

Lord we thank you for reminding us today that every good and perfect gift comes from you. Help us to not just recognize blessings but to return to YOU with grateful hearts. Teach us to let gratitude redirect our steps, shape our actions and reproduce your kingdom in the broken world. May we reflect YOUR goodness and draw others to you. We choose to carry the posture of gratitude this week in all things. In Jesus name!