

Accepted and Thank You

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Happy Monday! Today is the week for being thankful all over the country. I'm sure there will be plenty of words, pictures, quotes, stories, and cinquains filled with historical and current words of gratitude.

My own story starts like this:

Since being married, my one become two, things have changed everywhere I look at my life. My thoughts, my body, my emotions, my ideals, and my time have all become intertwined with another person's life. The one thing that hasn't changed along the way is that I'm thankful.

Even when things haven't gone the way I would like them to and I don't like the direction things are going-the end result, Because of Jesus, has always been "Thank You Lord."

In moving from one state to another, it seems that everywhere I turn, I find myself being thankful. Our family found ourselves in a place where we needed acceptance and to rely on others, depend on God more, staying humble day after day, and making a CHOICE to walk in hope. In this season of my life, I have better understood the following scripture:

1 Thessalonians 5:16- 22- Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

I know this week will most likely bring ups and downs for you, our readers as well. So I give these words of encouragement:

Breathe deeply

Say to yourself " today is another chance to get it right!"

And Lastly – at the beginning and end of each day thank God and those around you for any bit of place they held in your day.

Send a Word, card, email, or text-take the time to think someone, keep yourself humble, pray and stay hopeful. A grateful heart will allow love the room to grow and work behind the scenes.

Have a great week!