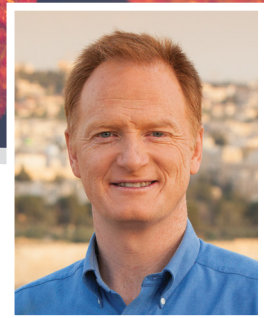




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From the desk of
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Dear <salutation>

You have heard “thanks” a lot this month. It’s been advertised in supermarket fliers, on party decor, and in form letters from your insurance company. Hopefully someone has said it to you in a meaningful way. But what does *thanks* mean? It comes from the Latin word *tongere* which means “to think.” It means ***I am acutely aware of what you have done for me and I will remember. It is always on my mind.***

The thank you notes that I read from people impacted by It Is Written remind me that many are acutely aware that their life has been changed by Jesus Christ. Each note is a thank you for the sacrifices you have made for the gospel, and people—from all over the world—are grateful. ***You have intimately impacted lives for Christ through your support of this ministry.*** These letters are to you:

“I’m so grateful for It Is Written. Watching *It Is Written* inspired me to give my life to Christ and be baptized.”

“I would just like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for the daily *Every Word* devotions. They have been such a blessing to me. I have been blessed in so many ways from this ministry.”

“Your television series is really inspired by God. Thank you.”

“I just love listening to your daily devotional down here in Australia. Thank you for your ministry.”

“Just wanted you to know how very blessed I was by the message on Martin Luther. I was moved to tears [and] sometimes had to rewind and listen again as I heard things so dear to my heart. I had to tell God how grateful I was for my Bible and for my salvation. Thank you all so very much.”

“I have been getting the *Every Word* ASL video. I really appreciate it very much.
God bless you all. Thank you!”

“These rich nuggets from God’s Word enrich my walk with Jesus, making me a little
bit fuller by Him which spills over to others. Thank you! God bless you all.”

“I was watching your program on Sunday. It was wonderful. Very informative! Thank you.”

“Wow. I must have read that a gazillion times but never had it impact me like now. Amen.”

“Amen! This scripture is so comforting. Thank you so much for uplifting me.”

“I love this program. [I’m from Angola] and I’m learning English. When I can,
I like so much to see this program. Thank you so much and God bless all of you!”

These thoughts, from people impacted by Jesus Christ because of you, remind me of what the apostle Paul said to the Philippians who, like you, were sharing Jesus with others. He knew that it was easy to get discouraged and to doubt if it mattered. If I was Paul, I would say it this way, “You need to be confident of this very thing, that He who has began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; I know this to be true because I have you in my heart, ***I am thankful and acutely aware that you share in the sacrifice and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel*** and you all are partakers with me of His grace” (Philippians 1:6,7).

Thank you for joining me in reaching the world for Christ. As you enjoy this holiday season, remember that there are people gathering around Thanksgiving tables this year and thanking Jesus for the hope they have for the future ***because of you and your sacrifice for them***. Be confident that God is doing a great work through you, through It Is Written.

Happy Thanksgiving,



Pastor John Bradshaw
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

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