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- 1. Living in gratitude doesn't require us to live in denial of reality.
- 2. Living in gratitude does require us to live in <u>light of</u> the <u>gospel</u>.
- 3. We get to do whatever it takes for us to remain focused on the goodness of God.

Action Steps for Growing In Gratitude

- 1. Build from a solid foundation.
- 2. Develop a habit of conversational prayer.
- 3. Pay attention to the way that things <u>impact</u> you and your <u>thinking</u>, and <u>choose</u> to <u>focus</u> on <u>helpful</u> things.
 - Spend more time in God's word.
 - Make worship a priority.
 - Keep a Gratitude Journal.
 - Develop a habit of sharing your gratitude with others.
 - Encourage & facilitate gratitude in others.
 - Create visual "triggers" for gratitude.
 - Spend time with people who have experienced <u>real loss</u>.