



From the Pastor's Pen

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Inspirational Writings

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we are taught that every day is a day of thanksgiving. The Apostle Paul in his writings of 1 Thessalonians 4:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Our church is equally engaged in bringing important news and information concerning the First Missionary Baptist Church of Biloxi. Through this Media Ministry, you are never without a sermon or any of our annual days such as Church Anniversary and Home-Coming activities.

In the month of October, I was featured with a parade honoring 15 years in the ministry here at FMBC. My family and I cannot overly express the sincere gratitude each of you provided in love gifts and prayers. We say, "To God be the Glory!" With the unprecedented, unparalleled and unpredictable times from the Covid-19, we remain steadfast, unmoveable and to abound in the works of the Lord, knowing that our labor will not be in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58). We employ each person who comes to visit our church to adhere to the CDC guidelines as we

diligently seek to keep everyone safe and healthy. It is our prayers that as the numbers decrease we will reduce certain restrictions.

Finally, my meditation for each of you in the month of November derives from this subject, "Come home for Thanksgiving." In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15, is one of the most remarkable messages for repentance between a young man leaving his father to go and live a riotous lifestyle. This young man went into a far country and when his money was gone, his friends were as well. He found himself in need until he went to work on a hog farm. Look at the irony, he's broke, he's hungry, he's lonely, he's smelly and he's a sinner. In the hog pen he remembered the life of the servant in his father's house. He pondered I will go back home, beg my father repentance and ask to be made a servant, however.

The day he returned and was in view of his father; it was his father who saw him first and ran to him. This young man began to say: 1.) "I have sinned"; 2.) "I am not worthy to be thy son;" 3.) "Make me a hired servant." The father interrupts this young boy and said in paraphrasing, "none senses, Welcome home!" First, he restored the young man's honor with a robe; second, he placed a ring on his finger, a symbol of authority and third, he held a celebration, a symbol of joy over one sinner who repents. This is what God is doing and yet He is waiting to for someone who is lost, that is to Welcome Them Home! Are you in need to back home to the Father? Come home. Happy Thanksgiving!

In Him is Truth,

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