

# Hillside Highlights

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**ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE**  
BE THANKFUL



## Give Thanks Today

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Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. — [1 Chronicles 16:8](#)

I have a system for writing devotionals. First I start with a funny or emotional story about some event in my past. Next, I'll usually drop in a Bible reference that loosely coincides with my experience. Finally, I'll finish off with how I learned more about God as a result. Simple, effective, and clean.

I'd like to try something a little different with today's devotional. Instead of telling a story, I'd simply like to give thanks. I don't thank God enough for the things He has given me; usually I'm too busy asking for more. So today, as awkward as it might be, I'd like to publicly thank Him for all He has done, starting with my family.

- ♦ Thank you, God, for my family.
- ♦ Thank you for my job.
- ♦ Thank you for providing for me in more ways than one.
- ♦ Thank you that I have food in my pantry.
- ♦ Thank you that I have clean water to drink.
- ♦ Thank you for giving me a place to sleep at night.
- ♦ Thank you that I have clothes to wear.
- ♦ Thank you that I have friends who care about me.
- ♦ Thank you that I have a Church where I can freely worship.
- ♦ Thank you that I have a copy of your Word available to read.
- ♦ Thank you that I am healthy.
- ♦ Thank you for the ability to see, hear, taste, touch, and smell.
- ♦ Thank you for the sun, the moon, and the stars.
- ♦ Thank you for the birds in the air.
- ♦ Thank you for the fish in the sea.
- ♦ Thank you for the animals all across the globe.
- ♦ Thank you for your Grace, which I do not deserve.
- ♦ Thank you for sending your Son, who died for my sins.

I could go on, there is so much more I'd like to list. Instead, I'd like to pass this spirit of gratitude on to you. Today, remember to give thanks for the ways God has blessed you, and think about all the things He has done. Big and small, meaningful or bizarre, write them out or say them aloud. I think the list will grow longer than you would believe.

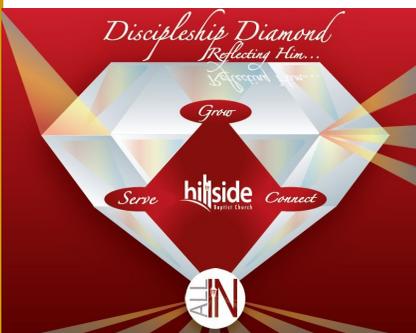
**Intersecting Faith and Life:** Write out your blessings on a sheet of paper. See for yourself what God has done in your life.

## Further Reading

[Psalms 45](#)



**Have you invited someone to any of these Easter Events? They begin in just 8 days!**



## "This Sunday"

Don't miss an inspiring Palm Sunday celebration as we kick off Holy Week at Hillside. This Sunday will also include a special Parent/Child Dedication and the next installment in the "Shine" series. Ever wondered if God has a place for your gifts to flourish in serving others? If so, don't miss this Sunday's message, "Reflecting Him in My Gifts".



## Spring Dessert Gatherings

On the heels of our "All In" Dessert Gatherings in February, you are invited to attend our spring "Dessert Gatherings". These gatherings are an exciting way to be All In with what's happening at Hillside. The ask? That everyone, whether brand new or long-term Hillside, would attend a 90 minute dessert gathering between April 26 -May 4. By signing up to attend you will: experience a taste of community and good food with other Hillsideers; watch a timely 15-20 minute video message with strategic updates from Pastor Jerry about our exciting spring/summer plans; and receive a complimentary copy of a fantastic book that ties in with a new message series right after Easter. Sound interesting? Sign up begins this Sunday.

## Next Steps

**Finding Your Serve** April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am - sign up now on Hillside Connect (in the "More" tab click "Forms") or on your Sunday Connection Card

**Developing Habits** April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm - sign up now on Hillside Connect (in the "More" tab click "Forms") or on your Sunday Connection Card.

**Getting Started** May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am

**Managing Our Finances God's Way** is a 7-week, video-based small group study. Beginning April 27 at 11am, this course will help you learn to live debt-free and/or manage your finances in a way that will honor God. Sign up now on Hillside Connect (in the "More" tab click "Forms") or on your Sunday Connection Card.

Interested in our Care Ministry? Or have a need to share? You can reach our Pastor of Care, John Weiler or our Director of Care, Paulette Price in our Care Ministry office, email [paulette@hillsideomoncton.org](mailto:paulette@hillsideomoncton.org) or call 857-0832, ext. 105. Pastor John's email is [john@hillsideomoncton.org](mailto:john@hillsideomoncton.org).

- Tonight — Easter Choir Rehearsal (Kids 6:30pm all others 7:00-8:15pm)
- Ignition HD (High School) Dutch Blitz Tournament 7:00pm
- Wed. — PowerUP! (Kids 4 years old—Grade 5)
- Thurs. — LIFT (Ladies Bible Study) 9:15am
- Fri. — Ignition (Middle School) 7:00pm
- Mon. — Monday Morning Bible Study 9:30am