

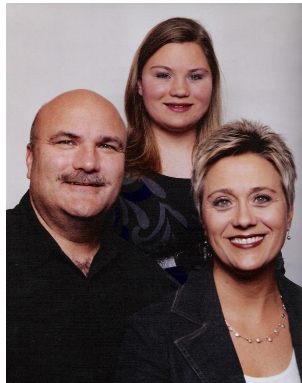
Have you bought your turkey yet?? That long awaited day of ballgames, parades, turkey and dressing is just around the corner! It's a wonderful day of celebration. We'll gather with family and friends, stuff ourselves silly and share memories together.

Unfortunately, this season brings depression for many. The loss of a loved one, the reality of being alone, or the pressures of life somehow settle in as we approach the holiday season. While most of us are extremely blessed, we all go through seasons that are difficult. One way that we can overcome the darkness that tries to settle on us, is to reach out and be a blessing to others, Romans 12:1 calls it "offering ourselves as a Living Sacrifice." Sacrifice is always uncomfortable! But when take our eyes off ourselves and focus on being a blessing to others, our lives become brighter in the process.

So as we approach Thanksgiving, let's turn our eyes toward those who have fallen prey to the enemy's tactics and are in the grip of darkness. While you're out gathering your goodies, keep your eyes open for someone who could use a little encouragement. Let's share the Light of Christ that has been shed in our hearts with someone that is in darkness. Lest we forget, except for grace, there go I!

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for all that You have blessed me with. You alone have brought me through the dark times of life. Thank You for Your faithfulness. I ask You to open my eyes to others who have not experienced Your Light. Give me the grace that I need to offer what You have blessed me with to them as a Sacrifice of Love. Help me to take my eyes off myself by reaching out to others. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving,
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Romans 12:1 Offer yourself as a living sacrifice, wholly pleasing and acceptable to

God.