

# GRATITUDE FOR CHALLENGING PEOPLE

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**Rev. Richard Rogers:** Hello! I'm Richard Rogers, and I want to welcome you to a very wonderful, happy, fabulous Wednesday night as we celebrate moving forward in our season of gratitude. Today I'm going to give you a spiritual challenge. This is like a 30-minute aerobics class! This is like weight training, running a mini-marathon! I'm going to give you a spiritual challenge for your soul today that I think is going to make most of us work a little bit harder. But I think you're going to love it anyway!

Before we get there, I'm going to share a couple of announcements with you. First one is: the whole community is coming back together for Thanksgiving. And that is, of course, November 25. It's a Wednesday night, seven o'clock. We're going to be doing it out in the garden. The whole church is coming together to give thanks that we survived the last year, for the blessings of last year. And we want you to be there. And so come join us – all the ministers will be there – and join us for Thanksgiving on that Wednesday, November 25th, which is our traditional Thanksgiving Eve service. And we really hope to see you out there! Remember: six-foot distancing; wear your mask. But it's going to be a fabulous service.

Also, in December every year – on this year, it's going to be December 1st – we do a Remembrance Service. And it's the way that we remember all the members of our family and of our community that have made their passing in the last 12 months. So online there's all the information: how you can include your family member – a brief bio – so that every one of us gets to be honored. The people that are important to us. And last year we even honored our pet that had passed. So come and be a part of that process, whether it's the person or the pet or the friend that has made their passing in the last 12 months. It's our way of remembering and celebrating every life. So we hope you'll be a part of that. And, again, it's December 1st.

Alright; that's all the announcements! I want you to take a deep breath as we move into our time of meditation.

## MEDITATION:

I want you to just breathe into this moment. And I want you just to feel all that God is. All the good. All the life. All the love that God is right now. And that we get to celebrate it all! And as we move through this season of gratitude – as our heart becomes more and more filled with realizing the blessings of God – today our only affirmation is, *"Thank you, God!"* Thank you, God! Thank you, God, for this day! Thank you, God, for our country. Thank you, God, for our blessings. Thank you, God, for our health. Thank you, God, for family and friends; for our work. For the abundance that provides everything that we need. We say, *"Thank you, God! Thank you, God!"*

And we pray for our nation. That we know that there is one power at work in our nation. That we are no longer a nation divided: that we are working together to be one nation under God. One nation under God! So we pray for every American, whether they feel like their candidate won or their candidate lost ... we pray for every member of our country. That the greatness of our country is our diversity. The greatness of our country is that we have very many backgrounds. That we come from different countries. We have different religions. But we stand together as one people. One people under God. And today we stand in the diversity of our nation – in the goodness of our nation, and the respect and love of our nation – that our nation does the right thing. That we hope and we pray to be divinely guided as a nation, that we make good choices for our future. That we create a world that works for all. That we create a world where all God's children get to be loved and celebrated just the way they are.

Today we give thanks. Thank you, God! Thank you, God; thank you, God; thank you, God! We just reaffirm over and over again that we are truly one nation under God. Indivisible. Liberty and justice for all. With liberty and justice for all! Thank you, God, for the healing of our nation. For the uniting of our nation. That we go beyond the disruptions of the past – the hurts and the pains of the past – and we can stand together and make good and wise choices. Thank you, God! And so it is. Amen.

**SONG:**

***Rusty Ferracane: "Grateful" (accompanied by Craig Bohmler on the piano)***

I've got a roof over my head  
I've got a warm place to sleep  
Some nights I lie awake counting gifts  
Instead of counting sheep

I've got a heart that can hold love  
I've got a mind that can think  
There may be times when I lose the light  
And let my spirits sink  
But I can't stay depressed  
When I remember how I'm blessed

Grateful, grateful  
Truly grateful I am  
Grateful, grateful  
Truly blessed  
And duly grateful

In a city of strangers  
I've got a family of friends  
No matter what rocks and brambles fill the way  
I know that they will stay until the end

I feel a hand holding my hand  
It's not a hand you can see  
But on the road to the promised land  
This hand will shepherd me  
Through delight and despair  
Holding tight and always there

Grateful, grateful  
Truly grateful I am  
Grateful, grateful  
Truly blessed  
And duly grateful

It's not that I don't want a lot  
Or hope for more, or dream of more  
But giving thanks for what I've got  
Makes me so much happier than keeping score

In a world that's filled with pain  
I will still take each chance  
For I believe that whatever the terrain

Our feet can learn to dance  
Whatever stone life may sling  
We can moan or we can sing

Grateful, grateful  
Truly grateful I am  
Grateful, grateful  
Truly blessed  
And duly grateful  
Truly blessed  
And duly grateful

## MESSAGE

**Rev. Richard Rogers:** *[clapping]* Rusty, Craig – fabulous! Fabulous, fabulous! We are so blessed by both of you! Thank you, thank you, thank you. From the bottom of my heart, I want you to know how much we love and appreciate you both. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

Alright! Have you ever started a workout regime? And maybe, after the first day, you couldn't lift your arms? Or maybe you started exercising – walking – and every muscle in your legs? Or maybe you did some yard work, and your back was talking to you for a few days from lifting and doing all that stuff?

Today I have a spiritual workout for you. I really thought about wearing my tights and my leg warmers, and wearing the whole outfit, and doing a little spiritual jazzercise class up here ... And I thought, you know, I'll spare you that one! But I really want to talk about a spiritual workout.

And, you know, we've been doing this season of gratitude: these 40 days of gratitude. We started in mid-October; we go all the way through to Thanksgiving. And over and over again, the focus of our daily booklet – of our lessons – is about gratitude. About just saying, *"Thank you, God!"* It's about noticing all the ways that we are blessed.

And today I've got a challenge for you. Have you ever had anybody in your life that severely ticked you off? And that's a spiritual term! That has spiritually annoyed you, upset you, disappointed you, frustrated you? Today I want to give thanks for all the annoying people in our lives! I want to acknowledge them; I want to give thanks for them. And I want you to see all the good that they bring to your life.

And, trust me, I know that this is a spiritual project. I know there's a part of you that just wants to dismiss them. To just push them as far out of your life as possible. But what if, today, your first thought ... I want you to think of the most annoying *[laughs]* person in your life. Do you have one? Maybe it's a neighbor. Maybe it's a family member. Maybe it's somebody you see on TV. I want you to think about the most annoying person you know and, together, we're going to say, *"Thank you, God; thank you, God; thank you, God, for this person."* Together: *"Thank you, God; thank you, God; [laughs] thank you, God!"*

And I want to see if you can really feel that! 'Cause sometimes we say, *"Thank you, God!"* and we don't mean it! Like, we're saying, *"Thank you, God!"* with a growl in our voice. *[Laughs]* *"Rrrrrr, rrrrrr, rrrrrr, rrrrrr."* You know, we're muttering; we sputtering; we're spitting; we're cussing. We're doing all this because we don't want to give thanks for that person: the most annoying person in our lives.

And what I find, over and over again, is no matter who we are – literally, no matter who we are; no matter where we are in our spiritual life; no matter where we are on our spiritual journey – each and every one of us has somebody at some point that gets under our skin. *[Laughs]* And I want you to see

today how good that is! [Laughs] I want you to see today how needed that is – how important that is – that you have somebody that gets under your skin.

When someone's annoying you, I want you to become very conscious of the way that you're reacting to that situation. See, I want you to see that person as a spiritual teacher for you. I want you to see that person – the most annoying person – as a person that's help lifting your life to higher ground.

See, when we're living the spiritual life, life happens. It always happens! And it doesn't ... And it rarely happens the way we think it's going to happen. It just happens the way it happens. And what I want you to see is: That person. I want you to begin to see how you're reacting to that person. That, for most of us, when we get annoyed with someone – when we're having a problem with someone – we just automatically react. We react unconsciously. We react in a way where we're unaware. And instead of making a conscious choice of how we choose to respond.

Because the spiritual life really invites us to move into conscious choice. That, as a spiritual being, we get to choose how to react – how we respond – to life. How we respond to an individual.

Let's just say you're driving down the highway – driving down the 101, going, heading home after church or on your way to work. You're driving down the 101, and somebody cuts you off. How do you respond to that? Well, if you're [laughs] ... If you have the capacity ... [Laughs] Have you ever yelled at somebody, even though you know they couldn't hear you? Have you ever honked or screamed or maybe made a gesture or another, because somebody cut you off? I want us to look at that today! I want us to look at how we're responding to all the annoying people.

And I have a suggestion for you today. If you're one that normally yells at people, I'm not going to ask today that you stop yelling at them. I'm just going to ask that you change what you yell at them. Right? Instead of giving them a few choice words, right? I want you to yell at somebody at anybody who you want to yell at as you're driving, "*You perfect child of God!*" Right? [Laughs] And, this way, I want to see if you can do it with a straight face, right? I want to see if you can yell at somebody, "*You perfect child of God!*" Because, in that way, I want that to be your go-to statement in times of upset. "*Oh, you perfect child of God!*" Right? Your dog does something; your kids do something; your grandkids do something. And I want your go-to statement to be, "*Oh! You make me so angry, you perfect child of God!*" Right?

And I want you just to feel what a shift that begins to happen. So instead of just unconsciously responding out of a swear word or upset, I want you to be affirming their perfection over and over again ... even when you're angry.

So you ready? "*You perfect child of God!*" Let's say it with all the contempt you have: "*You perfect child of God!*" And I want you to just feel [laughs] how much more fun that is! See, over and over again, what I want to do is: I want to get you to slow down and to really look how you respond to annoying situations. To annoying people.

And what I want you to see is: For the most part, the moment we get annoyed, the thing that we don't want to say to ourselves is that we're scared. Somebody cuts us off, and we get scared. But we don't want to be scared! We don't want to think that that person cut us off, and made us feel fear. So we'd rather feel anger. So what happens for most of us is: We have this brief milli-second of fear that instantly shifts and becomes anger. And we feel so much better about anger, because anger makes us feel powerful. We get to make gestures. We get to scream and shout.

And over and over again, what I want you to see is that: I want you to see how much fear from moment to moment you feel in your life. I want you to feel that! Because when we can feel the fear, then we can make a new choice. But if you don't ever allow yourself to feel the fear, you just automatically respond out of this anger. And you don't actually feel better when you respond out of anger, because you never

get to the real issue. You never get to the fear. And when we feel the fear, we can actually make a million new choices what we do with that.

So I want you to look at all the annoying people in your life. And I want you to see how much I believe they're here to bless us. They're actually here ... Now, are they aware of that? No! They're just being their jerky self! Right? They're just being who they really are. But, from a spiritual point of view, I want you to see everyone and everything is here to bless you. So even when a person makes a bad choice or unconscious choice or acts in a way that's against your best interest, I want you to see how much they're here to help you. Alright?

So I'm going to give you some ideas today. I'm going to give you how we can deal with challenging people from a spiritual point of view. And today I have seven.

Alright. **Number one: I want to begin with this idea that people are supposed to annoy you.** Right? Because, for most of us, we operate from the mindset that nobody is supposed to annoy us. Right? Nobody's supposed to upset us. We operate from this mindset that everybody's supposed to give us what we want. Everybody's supposed to be helpful and kind. Everybody's supposed to be the way they are.

And what I want you to see today is that every annoying person is here by divine appointment. Every annoying person is actually here to move your life forward spiritually. And without that annoying person in your life, you may not get the blessing of what they're – or what life is – trying to reveal in that situation. And so, I want us to move from the sense of being a victim of everyone to actually feeling impressed – or blessed – by every annoying person. And actually thank them for being that annoying! Right?

When I was in ministerial school, there were 30 of us. Thirty of us in my class. And I was in ministerial – I was in seminary – for two years. And I came to understand in a time of meditation that that class of 30 individuals from very different backgrounds – even though we had a common belief system – we had a lot of contrary belief systems, too. We were a class of highly developed individuals. And some of those members of the class, I have to admit *[laughs]*, were a little annoying. And what I know to be true is that there were people in my class that thought I was very annoying. Right? It's hard to believe, I know! But some people felt me annoying!

I was even elected the class president. And some people *[laughs]* were so annoyed by that! Right? So here I am; I'm 28 years old. And a lot of the people were much older than me. And I was elected class president. And some people just got really upset by that. And that day, in meditation – one of the days in meditation – I was given the image of a rock polisher. And you know what a rock polisher is? It's where you put these stones – in a rock polisher – it's just a cylinder. And the cylinder just spins. And you let it go for a day, a week, a month, a year. However long you want to go: it just goes. And the idea of a rock polisher is: The stones bang into each other. They bang into the sides of the polisher. And as you let them just roll and roll and roll, all those stones – after a month or a week or however long it's in there – they come out smoother. They come out shiny. They come out polished. They come out looking good!

And I really, at that moment, realized what ministerial school was for me. It was a way for taking all of us – with all of our rough edges and all of our bumps and all of our imperfections – and polishing them! Now, do we still have our imperfections? Yes! A lot of them! Like, we still have our little cracks and our little things and our little nuances. We still have all of that stuff! But we got polished! We got polished! We still had the things that were just inherently who we are, but we just got spiffed up a bit. We looked better! We sounded better! We could talk better; we could teach better. We were just better! Right?

And what I want you to see today is: I want you to give thanks – right here, right now – for every annoying person in your life. And I want you to move out of the mindset that people aren't supposed to be annoying. Actually, they are! They're supposed to annoy your ego over and over again until you can open a space for love. They're here by divine appointment to lead your soul into a higher experience.

*"Thank you, God, for every annoying person in my life." Will you say that with me? "Thank you, God, for every annoying person in my life."*

*"Thank you, God, for every person that ticks me off!"*

*"Thank you, God, for every person that upsets me."*

*"Thank you, God, for every person that does it wrong, does it bad."*

*"Thank you, God, for every person that doesn't know how to drive."*

*"Thank you, God, for every person that cuts me off."*

*"Thank you, God; thank you, God; thank you, God, for all the people in my life that make my life so fabulous!"*

Right? Fabulous! So number one: people are supposed to annoy you!

**Two: Our first reaction is often fear.** I want you to really see that! That, in our culture, our first reaction to most things is fear. Even if it's a gift! Somebody offers to buy you lunch, and our first reaction is, *"No, no! Not that!"* It's like, *"Oh, my God, they're going to buy me lunch!"* Like, our first reaction to most of life is fear!

And so, if the people that love you, want to support you – the people that want to buy you lunch ... If our first reaction to them is fear, how much is our fear driven by people that we don't know? That don't look like us? That don't act like us? That don't respond to life the way we do? I want you to see how fearful you are. *[Mimicking another person speaking]: "Well, Richard, I don't think spiritual people should be fearful."* Well, that may be well and good ... but the reality is: we are anyway! And when we can consciously see our fears – when we can consciously see how much of life we're responding to out of fear – then we can actually make a new choice! But until you can see it, you can't heal it. Until you can see it, you can't change it. And so I want you to see, over and over again, how often do you respond out of fear?

**Three: And so, because we don't want to feel fear, we really choose – more often than not – to respond out of anger.** And every time we're angry – I want you to see it's 100% of the time! Every time we're angry, we feel like a victim. A hundred percent of the time! And I have people that say, *"Richard, I am not a victim. I don't believe I'm a victim. I don't act like a victim. I am not a victim."* And I say to them, *"Do you ever get angry?" "Well, yeah; everybody gets angry!"* And I'm saying 100% of the time – every time you're angry. If you would actually get conscious – if you would actually tell yourself the truth – every time you're angry, you feel like a victim. A hundred percent of the time.

In my own life. In everybody I've ever worked with. Of everybody I've ever worked with in the church. A hundred percent of the time. Every time we're angry, we feel like a victim. And it's when we can acknowledge we feel like a victim that we can make a new choice. That, every time you're angry, if you're staying the anger, you never get to the place where you feel like a victim. But if you can get to the place where you feel like a victim, then you can make a new choice.

So a hundred percent of the time – every time you're angry. When you're watching a football game, there's a place in you that you feel like a victim. Right? When you're watching something in politics, and

you get angry, it's because you feel like a victim. When you're angry with your kids or your grandkids – when you're angry with your neighbors – it's because you feel like a victim. And I want you to make a new choice.

**Number four: And what I want you to see is – number four – is that we can stop the process. The moment we realize we're scared, and just say that we're scared, everything gets easier.** *“Oh, that man cut me off, and it made me feel afraid for my safety.” Or, “That person did this, and I felt afraid about my finances.” Or, “That person didn't wear a mask into my house, and I felt like my health was at risk.”*

Whatever it is, I want you to see: Over and over and over again, that whatever is scaring you, the antidote to fear is to say it out loud. Now, you're not saying it out loud to bury the person. To shame the person. To diminish the person. You're saying it so that you could just say it out loud so that you get to release it. *“I'm scared about fill in the blank.”*

And, as you say it out loud, what I want you to begin to feel is how much that fear is alleviated. How much that fear actually begins to dissipate as you speak your fears. *“I'm afraid that I'm going to make a mistake.” “I'm afraid that it's not going to be okay.” “I'm afraid that I'm not enough.” “I'm afraid that I'm not going to have the resources that I need for next week, or next month, or next year.”* And when we actually articulate our fears, whew ... they go away.

But when we don't articulate our fears, they build up, and they build up, and they build up within us. And they take on a life of their own. So number four: I want you to stop every time you're afraid and actually speak that fear out. I want you to let it go.

**Number five: Karma says that we get treated badly because we've treated people badly in our past.**

Now, I want to slow that down a bit. Right? So somebody treats us badly, right? And if we believe in karma, we believe that that's happening because in some time – some past life, even – we treated somebody else badly. Right? And so, this is the Universe's way of evening the score so that we all get to move on.

What I want you to see is: Every time a challenging person treats you badly, I want you to stop – in just a moment – and say, *“God, please forgive me for any and all the ways that I've done that behavior in the past.”* Because usually what we want to do is just fire on them! We want to bring fire and hell and damnation upon anyone that would ever hurt us or harm us or treat us badly. We want to just bring the lightning bolts of hell down upon them, and just smite them and blow 'em up. And whatever we can do to just get even with the fact that they wounded us.

What we don't often do when we look at this spiritual principle of karma is to say, *“Forgive me for any way that I've done that behavior. For any person that I've ever cheated or cut off. For any person that I've ever disrespected. For any person – or any way – that I've participated in that behavior.”* In this way, not only are you present in that moment to the behavior that's being done unto you, but you're also clearing it for as far back in time as your soul.

Now, some things that people have done to you were just wrong. They were bad; they were awful! Right? So we can also have to work on forgiving the person that did those things to us: that actually participated in that endeavor.

But I also want you to see that part of the blessing of being in a spiritual community – and living from a spiritual point of view – is that you get to clean up your own mess. You get to clean up the history of all the mistakes. Of all the things that you've done. *“Please forgive me, Life; Spirit; Father/Mother God”* – whatever words you use – *“for all the ways that I've done that to others.”*

To actually realize that you've actually done that to somebody else! That you've actually made that mistake yourself. You've actually acted short. Or inconsiderate. Or unkind. Or ungenerous with the people in your past. So every time somebody does something to you, just say, *"Wow. As angry or as upset or as disappointed as I am with you, I need to clean up my own side of the street. I need to clean up my own house. I need to actually ask for forgiveness for the times when I've done that! And I want to tell myself, 'Well, I would never do that!' But maybe I have. And maybe I've done it more often than I'd like to acknowledge. And maybe I, too, have been inconsiderate or unkind. Maybe I've lied or cheated or stolen something in my past. And I want to forgive myself for that. Because I want to do the inner work, so that I'm not just mad at somebody else; I'm actually taking care of my own inner house."*

**Number six: The Law of Reflection states that everything that is happening to you actually you were doing to yourself.** Right? So what we teach is that the inner life creates the outer experience. So if I'm cheating myself, I would actually have to draw somebody into my life who would cheat me, so that I could actually heal that activity that I'm doing to myself over and over again. But, because I'm unaware of it, it actually has to be projected into the world around me so that I get the real benefit.

Now, let me give you a quick story. Several years ago, I'm working for this organization, and we had a contract. I was there to do some work for them. And we had agreed about the pay: it was a lot of money. It was \$10,000. And I knew that, if I did it in time – I was trying to buy a house at the time. If I did it in time – if I got it all done – that I could use that money for a down payment on a house. So I did it all – did all the work. They thought I did a great job. The contract was completed. I called them, like, a week later and said, *"Okay; I haven't yet received a check."* Talked to the person that was in charge – that worked with me. And they said, *"Well, Richard, I'm sure it was a mess-up; I'll get on it. I'll get you a check right away."*

Didn't hear anything for another two weeks. Called back, and the person didn't pick up the phone. Didn't call me back. Finally I sent an email, and nothing. Zippo. Zippo, zippo. I called the CEO – called the person that was in charge – and they weren't very quick to call me back. And this went on for a bit. A bit of time. Right? And I don't know about you, but \$10,000 is enough that it got my full attention. Right? I wasn't, like, going to forget or just say, *"Oh, well."* Right? I was in the situation.

And then I remembered this Law of Reflection. And I had to look at myself. *"Richard, where have you been cheating yourself? Where have you been ... Where have you lacked a level of generosity for yourself? Where have you not been fulfilling your own personal commitments to yourself?"* And I really took it on. I took it on as a spiritual process to really look at where I'd been cheating myself. Where I hadn't been following through on my own personal commitment. I could look at my life and say, *"You know, I made a commitment to exercise; I made a commitment to eating differently. And I haven't been following through."*

I hadn't been following through on my own commitments to myself. How could I expect anybody else to fulfill their commitments to me, if I haven't been doing to myself? So I really began to clean all that up. Literally, within two weeks, a check arrived. Ten thousand dollars in full.

Now, let me give you the rest of the story. The "Paul Harvey" rest of the story. One of the members in their accounting staff called me one day and said, *"Richard, I know that you got the check; we sent it off about a week ago. But one of the clauses in your contract is that you did such a good job for us, you were owed a bonus of \$1,000. Ten percent. And I don't think we're going to send it to you."* And she said, *"I just wanted you to know that, because I don't think it's right, and I think you deserve it."*

And so, there I go. *"Thank you very much!"* Again, I got about my work. You know, I did my inner work. *"Where am I cheating myself? Where am I not taking care of myself? Where am I not honoring my own commitments?"* And I did my work. And I called the CEO again and said, *"I think there's a matter of my*

*bonus for this contract.” And she said, “Richard, yes there is, and I will take care of that immediately.”*  
And within a few days, I had a check.

Now, I could make that all about those no-good rascals who didn't honor their contract. Who didn't do what they said they were going to do. Who didn't pay me in a timely way. But the reality was: we got the house. Everything worked out. I got the \$10,000. I got the other \$1,000. I got everything due me. But I also got a spiritual benefit.

Like, what I want you to see today: I think, over and over again, challenging people are trying to bless us. And that we're not getting the blessing. We're not getting the full good that is available to us. And today, I really want you to begin to look as the challenging people are just messengers. They're angels that have come to bless you. Have come to help you take your next spiritual step. And if we look at them as just bad, awful, terrible people, we never get the blessing. We never get the good. We never get the transformation. We never get the higher level of understanding. We never get to be fully blessed.

Today, every challenging person, I believe, in your life is here to help you. And you may not want the help! *[Laughs]* There are many times when I don't want the help of challenging people! But every challenging person is here to help. And I don't want you to go through this year – especially this year – without getting the blessing of every challenging person. Without getting the good that this divine messenger is bringing you. That we need to gather all the good of this year – not leave any of it on the table – and really get all the blessings that are available to us.

So let's close with prayer:

I invite you to open your mind, your heart, your soul to all the challenging people in your life. All the people that are annoying you or disappointing you; frustrating, making you angry. And I just want you to see for a moment that every one of them, in their own way – whether they're conscious of it or not – is here to bless you. Is here to help you. Is here to guide you and direct you. And the Spirit of God is greater than their behavior. But you need the message they're trying to give you. That life is trying to bestow upon you. Thank you, God, for every challenging person. Thank you, God, for every challenging person! Thank you, God, for every challenging person! And so it is. Amen.

## **COLLECTION**

Alright, I want you to take your gifts in your hand, and I want to thank you – all of you that are supporting this ministry right now as we walk through this time. I want to thank you for your abundant support of this place. I want to thank you for every gift, every offering, every tithe, every way that you're blessing this ministry right now. It makes a difference to this ministry in ways that are too big to even name. So our offering blessing is: *“Divine love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I give and all that I receive.”* Together: *“Divine love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I give and all that I receive.”* And so it is. Amen.

## **CLOSING**

Alright! Let's close with the reading of our Prayer for Protection. Together:

“The light of God surrounds us;

The love of God enfolds us;

The power of God protects us;

And the presence of God watches over us.

Wherever we are, God is.”

God bless you, friend! Have a great week!

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