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# NORTH METRO CHURCH

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GRATITUDE FOR  
**God's Kindness**

This is a stand alone message by our friend, pastor  
and guest speaker Stuart Hall.

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## Small Group Questions:

### IDEA.

Gratitude is an incredible emotion for worship — and a dangerous motivation for following Jesus. What makes faith fall apart isn't adversity or doubt. It's being too certain of the wrong things. So what is the full weight of your existence leaning against?

### THINK.

Be honest and fill in these blanks:

I feel like everything would be OK if I could just have \_\_\_\_\_.

I feel a sense of desperation would go away if I were acknowledged or loved by \_\_\_\_\_.

I feel anxiety or fear around the possibility of losing \_\_\_\_\_.

Does your answers reveal something you're trusting in or someone you're trusting in other than the person of Jesus? And have you ever considered that idolatry?

If an idol is an idol because of the absolute value projected on to it, would you say you've made an idol of certainty? Why or why not?

Let's discuss this statement by David Martin Lloyd-Jones:

*The terrible, tragic fallacy of the last hundred years has been to think that all man's troubles are due to his **environment**, and that to change the man you have nothing to do but **change his environment**. That is a tragic fallacy. It overlooks the fact that it was in **Paradise** that man fell.*

Have you ever considered that perhaps you trust in a prosperity gospel to a varying degree? What do you expect from God regarding your health? Wealth? Relationships? Success? Sex (consider the ramifications of purity culture)?

Let's discuss this statement: We think our job as humans is to avoid pain, our job as parents is to protect our children from pain, and our job as friends is to fix each other's pain. Maybe that's why we all feel like failures so often – because we all have the wrong job description for love.

When the dust clears and in the quiet of your own heart, what kind of God do you believe in really? And why?

Would you say you are a spiritual sprinter? Are you built for endurance spiritually? Why or why not? Explain your answer.

Let's read John 14:27. "I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So **don't be troubled or afraid.**" "**Don't let**" insinuates you and I have a **choice**. Do you think you **let** your heart be troubled?

#### **REMEMBER.**

When you get home, purchase a bottle of your favorite carbonated soda and a bottle of water and leave them in a visible place. Write this verse on your bathroom mirror...

*"**Don't let** your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in **me**. (John 14:1)*

**You have a say in what your heart gives way to.**