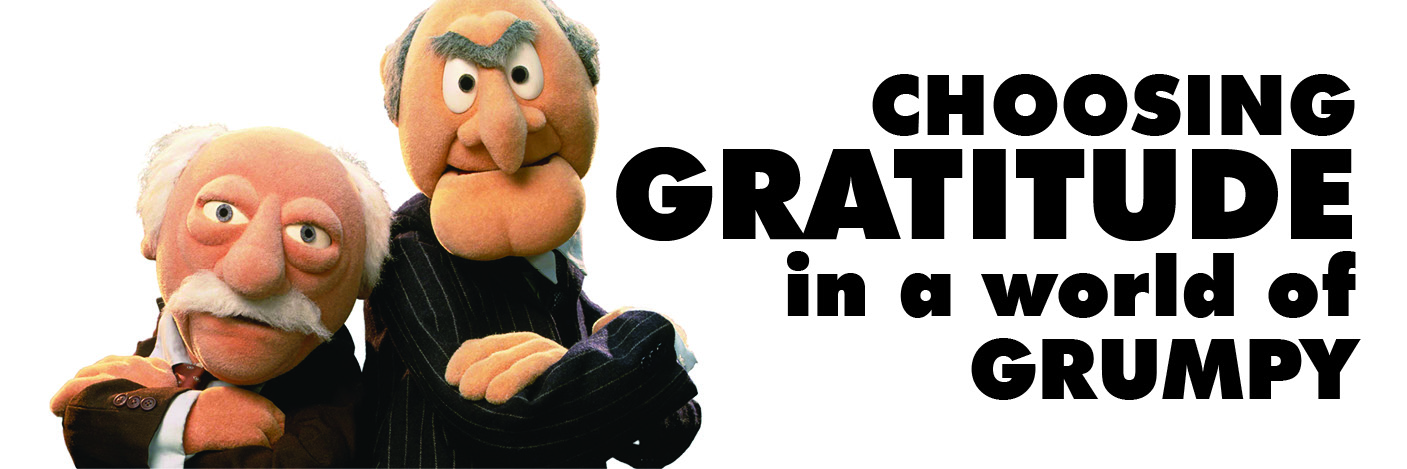
CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, October 11, 2015



THANKFULNESS BLESSES US BY . . .

Weakening Greed

Elevating Optimism

Providing Contentment

Making us Attractive

and a boat load more blessings . . .

Give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

STOP – Dismissing

START – Declaring

Stop dismissing, down playing, overlooking and ignoring all the blessings in your life and start declaring them.

On your feet now—applaud God!  
    Bring a gift of laughter,  
    sing yourselves into his presence.

Enter with the password: “Thank you!”  
    Make yourselves at home, talking praise.  
    Thank him. Worship him.

The Message Psalm 100 (selected verses)

STOP – Grumbling

START – Groaning

So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”

Exodus 15:4

Do everything without grumbling or arguing.

Philippians 2:14

And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel.

1 Corinthians 10:10

The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning . . . and was concerned about them.

Exodus 2:23-25

I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

Exodus 6:5

My soul is in deep anguish. How long, LORD, how long. . . . I am worn out from my groaning.

Psalm 6:3 & 6

Groaning is good. Grumbling is bad.

Groaning is encouraged. Grumbling is forbidden.

Groaning is vertical. Grumbling is horizontal.

Groaning is something I do with God. Grumbling is something I say about God.

Groaning I do to God’s face. Grumbling I do behind God’s back.

Groaning I do on my knees. Grumbling I do in the shadows.

Groaning is helpful. Grumbling is destructive.

Groaning will help me be a thankful person. Grumbling will steal thankfulness from me and from others.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Romans 8:26

No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT

