

THROUGH YOU

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Galatians 3:8 (CSB) *Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and proclaimed the Gospel ahead of time to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed through you.*

"Nations" = 'ethnos' - ethnic groups, race.

Abraham to Jesus to you, and through you, all people will be blessed.

John 9:1-7 (CSB) *As He was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered. "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him. ⁴We must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶After He said these things He spit on the ground, made some mud from the saliva, and spread the mud on his eyes. ⁷"Go," He told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he left, washed, and came back seeing.*

Through you, a legacy is left for others.

Luke 10:29-35 (CSB) *But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus took up the question and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. ³⁴He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.'*

Through you, God's compassion is passed on.

Mark 14:3-9 (CSB) *While he was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured it on His head. ⁴But some were expressing indignation to one another: "Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵For this perfume might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they began to scold her. ⁶Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a noble thing for me. ⁷You always have the poor with you, and you can do what is good for them whenever you want, but you do not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body in advance for burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."*

Through you, the fragrance of your care lasts in difficult times.

Matthew 10:19-20 (CSB) *But when they hand you over, don't worry about how or what you are to speak. For you will be given what to say at that hour, ²⁰because it isn't you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father is speaking through you.*

Through you, God speaks in words and actions.