

# ***The Power of Thankfulness***



**It's an autumn forest.  
Where does our trail go?**

# ***Ps 31:1-3 God, Our Rock & Fortress***

**Ps 31:1** *In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge;*  
Let me ***never be put to shame***;  
Deliver me in your  
righteousness.

**v2** Turn Your ear  
to me. ***Come  
quickly to my  
rescue.***

***Be my rock of  
refuge, a strong  
fortress to  
save me.***

**v3** Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
***for the sake of your name lead and guide me.*** NIV



# We Are Overwhelmed with *Thankfulness*



We in Federal Way *were in unfeasible rented bldg* for 25 yrs.  
Now in Tacoma, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Western WA. pop 211,000  
But this was *Providence of God, Not* our far-reaching vision!

# *We Ardently Needed **Help***

Mentored  
*Steve Findley*  
now preaching  
in Salem Oregon.



Mentored  
*Bill Downey*  
now preaching  
in North Seattle.



Mentored *Travis Dehlinger*  
After 10 years ready to preach  
We needed him but *have limited finances*



# ***We Walk by **Faith*****

## ***Not by **Sight** (2 Cor 5:7)***



**The path we walk  
is charted by faith  
not by what we  
see with our  
eyes.**

**We didn't know if we had enough to support him.  
We couldn't stand still. We decided to step out on **Faith**.  
*Then on Sunday evening I opened an email from Roger.***

# How Ardently Do We *Trust God?*




Expressed by Jesus  
(Lk 23:46) & Stephen (Acts 7:59)

Ps 31:5 Into  
Thy hand I  
commit my  
*spirit.*

David's expression is one  
of *total commitment* of his  
future, body & soul to  
God's protection.

Ps 31:15 My *times* are in your hand.

Is our trust  $37\frac{1}{2}\%$  true? Or **100%**, total?



# BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

**Ps 31:24 Be *strong*  
and let your heart  
take *courage*, All  
you who hope in  
the Lord.**

**Dan 11:32b May those that know their God  
display *strength* and *take action*.**

# POWER of THANKFULNESS

gratitude

*It Changes us.  
It Changes you.*


1 Cor 1:14 ***I thank my God always*** concerning you.

2 Cor 9:12 The ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also ***overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.***

1 Thes 1:2 ***We give thanks to God always*** for all of you.

Phil 1:3 ***I thank my God*** in all my remembrance of you, v4 ***always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer*** for you all.

# ***A Future and a Hope.***

A photograph of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the sun rising over the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The Earth's surface is covered in clouds and landmasses, with city lights visible at night.

**Jer 29:11 “I know the plans that I have for you,”  
declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and  
not for calamity to give you  
*a future and a hope.*”**

# *Letters of **Gratitude.***



**Travis Dehlinger**  
*Young preacher*



**Rocky Wells**  
*Wise & loving elder*