

**Rolling Hills Community Church**  
**“A Season of Thanks and Giving” Series**  
**November 26, 2006**

**Giving Thanks for People**

Expressing our Thanks to God for the people He puts in our lives

*“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose.” Acts 16:25-26*

**Paul and Silas were “praying and singing hymns to God” in prison.**

Paul and Silas had been beaten and throw into prison without good reason.

How do you respond when things do not go well in your life?  
Do you respond with Thanksgiving?

**Thanksgiving releases us from bondage**

What “prison” are you in today?

**Praise God for the people He puts in our lives:**

It makes all the difference in the world to have people who will sing and thank God with you -- people who will be with you in the hard times as well as the good times.

Who are the people in your life who will stand with you and sing with you?  
Just list their names below:

Do they know how much they mean to you?  
How can you best express your thankfulness to them?

**How can we best express our thanks to God for the people He puts in our life?**

*“I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.” Philemon 4-7*

*“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**