

# "With Thankful Hearts"

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"Withering grasses"

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." Isaiah 40:6-8

*Why are we reluctant to give thanks? We were created to be problem solvers. That's how we've been able to survive through horrific changes in life or frightening situations. And in order to solve problems we have to look for the dangers or things that are just-not-right around us. We are like grass..."the grass withers and the flowers fall", Isaiah says. And there is nothing we can do about it. Our problem-solver minds just get stuck, spinning there, fretting that we cannot change the inevitable decline of the season, the situation, our life.*

*But we forget to read on..."the grass withers and the flowers fall, BUT the word of our God endures forever." We are children of God. God is in the mix. The grasses in this picture are perennials, they will "die" but they will rise again in the spring. It's not forever. It is a time of rest for them. We have to look at the big picture. And remember that God's word endures forever.*

*What difference does God's word make in our lives? God's word is filled with love and promises. God's Word is Jesus the Christ! The one who comes to save us...the one who died and rose again.*

*Giving thanks is about God and God's faithfulness to us. Even when things look dire and falling apart. God is creating a new thing that we can't yet see. And we give thanks!*