

God Will Do It

THANK GOD IN ADVANCE

*Do not be anxious about anything... with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. —
Philippians 4:6*

THE MAIN TRUTH

Thanking God in advance is an expression of faith. It does not mean pretending the problem is gone or demanding that God follow our plan. It means we believe God has heard us, God is working, and God will remain faithful—whatever His answer looks like.

1. Thank God Because He Has Heard You — John 11:38-44

Lazarus was still in the tomb when Jesus prayed, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me” (John 11:41). Jesus gave thanks before the stone moved and before Lazarus walked out.

Life application: God’s silence does not mean God is deaf. A delay does not mean your prayer was ignored. Thank Him for hearing you even while the stone is still in place.

2. Thanksgiving Moves Us From Anxiety to Peace — Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer hands the burden to God; thanksgiving leaves it there. Paul does not promise that every circumstance will immediately change. He promises that God’s peace will guard our hearts and minds while we wait.

- Anxiety says, “I have to figure this out.”
- Thanksgiving says, “God has this, and I can trust Him.”

3. Praise God Before the Battle Is Over — 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Judah faced a vast army. Jehoshaphat prayed, “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you” (verse 12). God told them the battle belonged to Him. The singers went ahead of the army, praising God before the victory appeared.

Life application: Praise does not deny the battle. Praise declares that the battle is not greater than our God.

4. Thank God for What Is Already in Your Hands — John 6:5-13

Five loaves and two fish looked hopelessly insufficient, but Jesus took the little that was available and gave thanks. What looked too small in human hands became more than enough in God’s hands.

Life application: Stop focusing only on what is missing. Place what you have—your strength, time, resources, and opportunity—into God’s hands and thank Him for what He can do with it.

5. Believe God Is Able, but Leave the Outcome With Him

Abraham was “fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised” (Romans 4:21). Faith is confidence in God’s ability—not our ability to force an outcome.

The three Hebrew men believed God could deliver them from the furnace, but they also declared, “Even if he does not,” they would remain faithful (Daniel 3:17-18).

Biblical faith says: “God, I believe You can. I am asking You to do it. But I trust You enough to leave the outcome in Your hands.”

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What Thanking God in Advance Looks Like

- Pray specifically—tell God exactly what you need.
- Thank Him for hearing you before you see the answer.
- Remember His past faithfulness.
- Praise Him before your feelings or circumstances change.
- When anxiety returns, pray again and thank Him again.
- Remain obedient while you wait.
- Ask boldly, believe deeply, and stay surrendered.

Questions to Take With You

- What situation am I tempted to take back out of God's hands?
- What can I thank God for today, even though nothing has changed yet?
- Am I trusting God—or demanding a particular outcome from Him?

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You that You have heard me. Thank You that You are working even when I cannot see it. I believe You are able, and I trust Your wisdom, timing, and heart. Whether You deliver me from the fire or walk with me through it, I know You will be faithful. I place this situation into Your hands, and I thank You in advance. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thanking God in advance does not mean we know exactly what God will do. It means we know God—and we trust that He will remain faithful.