

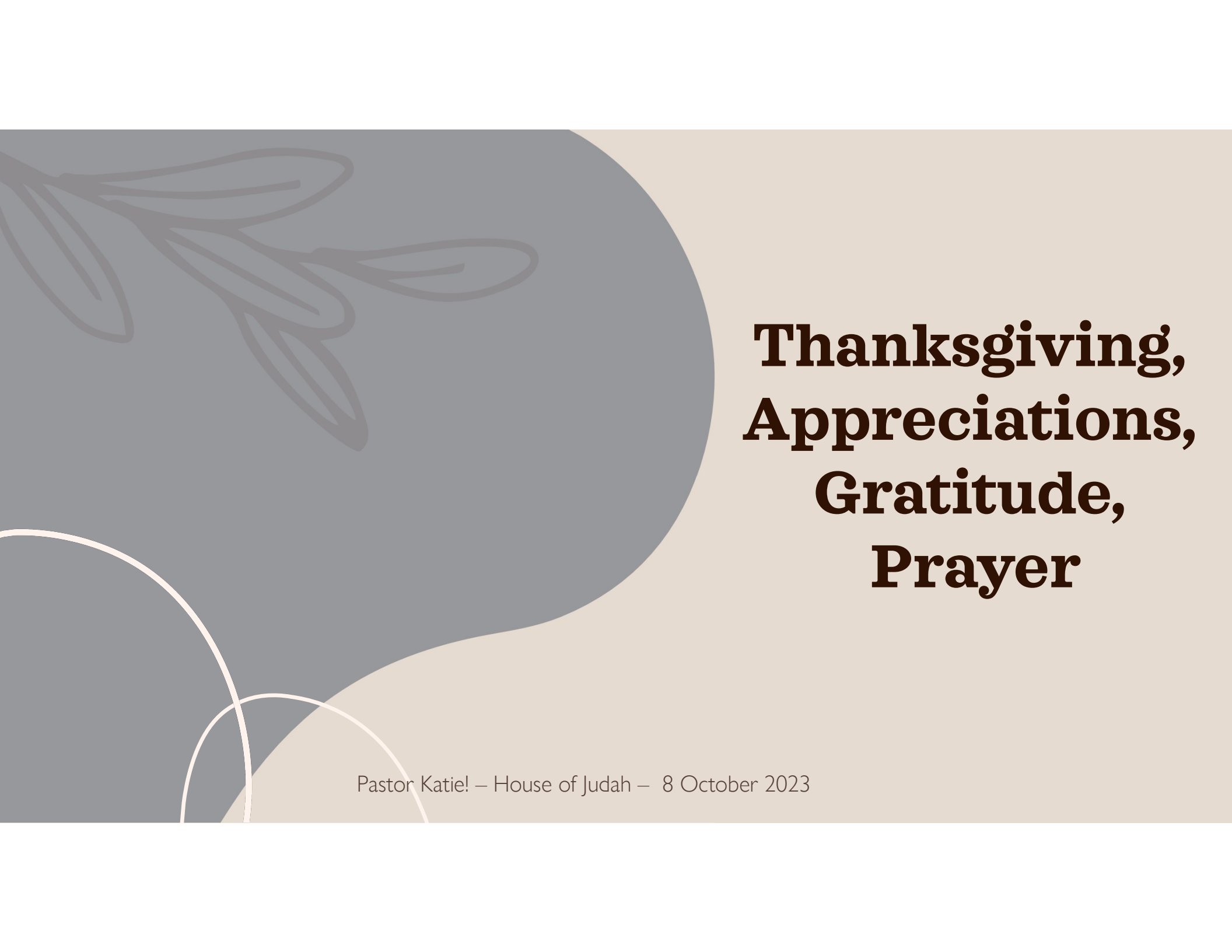


House of Judah

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Thanksgiving, Appreciations, Gratitude, Prayer

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Scripture:

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Do you believe this?”

John 11: 25 - 26 (NIV)

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John 17: 27 - 28 (KJV)

Who We Are:

Spiritual Beings Who are
One with Christ

Having a Human Experience:
Part 18



Thought for Today:

***Life and Life Everlasting -
The Upgrade
From Command to
Promise***



What does it mean to “Upgrade?”

To raise (something) to a higher standard, to improve by adding or replacing components

To: add to, to enhance,
to redo, to update, to reform,
to modernize





From Command to Promise

A commandment is a divine or moral rule that is to be followed strictly. It is often associated with the Ten Commandments, which are ten fundamental laws given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai in the Bible.

Command/ Commandment

Any rule
or order that *must be obeyed*.

Order, edict, mandate,
proclamation, instruction, direction.

To give an authoritative order.



Promise

Promise

A declaration or assurance that God will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen.

Giving good grounds for expecting a particular occurrence or situation.

The Upgrade!!

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The Upgrade!!

How we Hear God's Voice

- Recognize the subtle shift
- What starts as edict becomes promise
- God's Promise leads to everlasting life
- God's Promise is our Hope and give us Hope



God's Command/ Promise

- Joshua 1:9: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”
- Isaiah 41:10: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
- Deuteronomy 31:8: Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.



God's Command/ Promise

- Matthew 11:28-29: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
- When command becomes promise, we change. “In the moment, in the twinkling of an eye...”

Boldness is a personality trait that is characterized by a willingness to take God at His Word with confidence.



Jesus says, “Do not think that I came to destroy the law, or the prophets: I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill.”

This means that Jesus did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets, but to accomplish their purpose.



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From command to promise/
The Law becomes Love in Christ Jesus/
Spiritual Beings awakened in our Human Experience

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The Upgrade!!

Closing, Invitation and Benediction:

The Promises of God are sure and will be fulfilled because He cannot lie. "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."

2 Corinthians 1:20

