



Dear Friend,

November 9, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving!! As you sit down for your Thanksgiving meal this year, please know how grateful we are for your continued partnership in the gospel. These past few months have been filled with so many new opportunities to proclaim the love of Christ, and we couldn't do it without you.

A couple of weeks ago, I was invited to serve the local *Men of Valor* chapter alongside 4:13 Ministries, supporting men who were incarcerated as well as men preparing to re-enter society. We served through an event called **"The Struggle."** It's an all-night, extremely demanding physical challenge that runs from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m., designed to teach men how to *struggle well*—not alone, but shoulder-to-shoulder with brothers in Christ.



Throughout the night we carried 100-lb weights up hills, did hundreds of burpees, bear crawls, low crawls, push-ups, running, sprinting—pushing our bodies to the absolute limit. As our energy emptied, we leaned harder into encouraging one another, reminding each other to keep moving through the struggle.

Everyone memorized Romans 5:3-5, which we would recite several times through the long night: *"We rejoice in our sufferings, because suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives inside us."*

Whether we're pulling all-nighters with brothers in the struggle, training on a volleyball court, life-coaching in Christ, or following the Lord wherever He leads, we are building **together with YOU**. You are one of the main reasons we're able to keep reaching out, and we pray you truly know how valued you are.

We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving and remember how deeply you are loved by God and by our family!

So thankful for you!

In Him,

Dave & Mandy

In other fun news, I turn 55 on Thanksgiving Day! It'll be an extra special day because our oldest son, David, is coming home from the military. His schedule is demanding, and this will be our first time all together in a year.



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