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James 1v2-4: “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

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“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks **in** all circumstances”

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Diana Butler Bass: “Telling victims to be grateful **for** trauma, violence, or abuse only wounds those who have suffered and empowers perpetrators.”

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## Romans 5:3-5

...we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces **perseverance**; perseverance, **character**; and character, **hope**.

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

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## Diana Butler Bass

Gratitude is not a form of passive acceptance or complicity.

Rather, it is the capacity to stare doubt, loss, chaos, and despair right in the eye and say, “I’m still here.”

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Being grateful does not “fix” anything. Pain, suffering, and injustice – these things are all real. They do not go away.

Gratitude, however, invalidates the false narrative that these things are the sum total of human existence, that despair is the last word.

Gratitude gives us a new story.

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