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Dear Friends,

I find it interesting that there are those who want Thanksgiving Day cancelled because of all the bad things that have happened to native peoples since then. My memory of history lessons is that the native people meet the Pilgrims and participated in the first thanksgiving celebration in 1621. There was tension among both sides as there is tension now in our country but, in my opinion that is even a better reason to be thankful to God.

Recently, Alpha has received several thank you messages from people helped by Alpha. One was a person who recently needed help with a domestic violence situation and left the area for safety. The other person left the area some years ago and is doing very well and wanted to thank Alpha for how their life has continued to be blessed.

There are two reasons why I used the term Alpha and not my name. First there would not be an Alpha if it were not for you! So, whether or not you realize it you are an integral part of Alpha and it would not exist without your prayers and financial help. Any thank you given to Alpha is for you as an important part of Alpha.

Secondly, I have been greatly influenced with a song by the Christian group Casting Crowns. I listen to their music when I'm at the gym and one particular song has a great influence on me! It's called Only Jesus.

The first part of the song is all about how we humans struggle for recognition and being important and having our name remembered

The important part says;

"But Jesus is the only name to remember. I don't want to leave a legacy; I don't care if they remember me, Only Jesus! I've only got one life to live; I'll let every second point to Him. Cause all that really matters is did I live the truth to the ones I love? Was my life the proof that there is only One whose name will last forever? I don't care if they remember me.

Only Jesus!" It's more powerful when you hear it sung!

You may not realize your influence here at Alpha but your prayers are essential to what we do here.

People are greatly troubled by the conflict and danger in our streets, and in the world. Families are being torn apart over politics, trouble at work, and with children struggling with their environment at school and online.

So a special THANK YOU for all you do for Alpha and please remember that Jesus is aware of your work behind the scene and you will be blessed for your labor at Alpha.

God Bless you! 😊

Richard

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