

PRAISE IN PAIN

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Intro: “Thou shall not kill.” No problem for most of us, right? “Thou shall not steal.” No big deal. “In everything give thanks” – now that one is a lot tougher isn’t it. Most of us don’t really struggle too much with adultery, murder, and theft; but when we see that the Bible says that we should give thanks in ALL things, then things get a little trickier. When life brings discouragement, disappointment, disease, disaster, and death on a daily basis, how can we be expected to be thankful? Since life is filled with difficulties and, since we know the Bible tells us to give thanks in all situations we need to dig into this verse and figure out how we can make it happen in our lives. Jon Bloom recently wrote an article

I. The pattern

II. The purpose

III. The promise