

A person is walking away from the viewer down a path covered in fallen autumn leaves in a forest. The sun is shining brightly through the trees, creating a hazy, golden atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

All of Whatever in the Name of Jesus

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Main Point

Walking out your calling as a Christian means living all of your life gladly in the name of Jesus.



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Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted
and now being built up in Him and established in your faith,
just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

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What does it mean to do something in another's name?

- It means to act with his authority and/or resources.
- It means to act on his behalf or in his interest.
- It means to identify yourself with the other person as a follower.
- It means to act in keeping with his desires and character as a representative.



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We are called to do all in Jesus' name and to walk in Him because we have been united to Him and are identified with Him.

Colossians 1:2

To the saints and faithful brethren
in Christ who are at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

If you are a Christian, you have been united
to Christ; you are His and He is yours.

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Jesus' example

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John 12:13

“Hosanna!

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
even the King of Israel.”*

Jesus had come in the name of the LORD and
faithfully did all He had been sent to do.

John 5:30

**“I can do nothing on My own initiative.
As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just,
because I do not seek My own will,
but the will of Him who sent Me.”**

Luke 22:42

“Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me;
yet not My will, but Yours be done.”

Jesus set a perfect example of what it means
to do all of whatever in the name of the Lord,
even to the point of death.

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Christianity is a faith of confession;
what we say that we believe matters!

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without
wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Both the content *and* character
of our speech speaks to the
condition of our souls.

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Though our faith *is* confessional,
it is not merely so, nor could it be!

Our very confession testifies
to a newness of life!

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Living for yourself would deny
the reality of the new, God-oriented life
given to you by Christ and would betray
an allegiance to your own name.

You cannot confess Christ with your mouth
and then deny Christ with your life.

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Colossians 1:10-12

...walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...
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...walk in Him...overflowing with gratitude.



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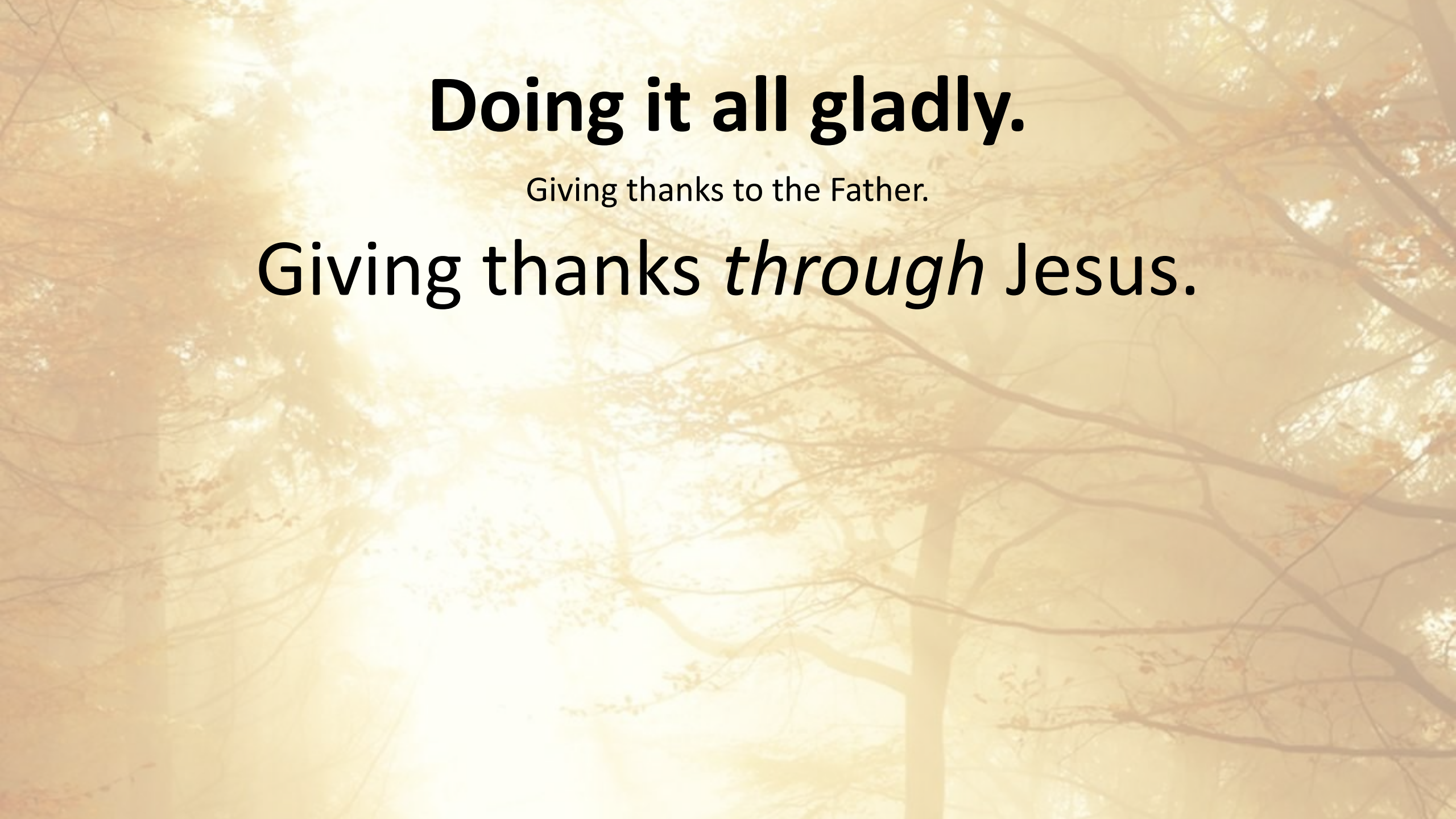
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Paul likely directed His thanksgiving
to the Father in recognition that it was
the Father who sent the Son to fulfill
all His good pleasure on our behalf.



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Why do we gladly do all of whatever,
joyously giving thanks?

Psalm 30:11-12

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
You have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;
That my soul may sing praise to You, and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Conclusion

Have you received Christ by faith --
do you belong to Him?

Are you striving to gladly do all
of whatever in His name?

Have you exchanged your sackcloth
for a garment of gladness?