

A script from



“A Man's Survival Guide to Thanksgiving”

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- What** Start your worship service or sermon off with this encouraging and fun Thanksgiving "how-to" for men on leading your family in counting your many blessings. **Themes:** Thanksgiving, Blessings, Fathers, Husbands, Family, Leadership, Grateful, Prayer, Worship
- Who** Male Actor
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** The Actor should dress casually, but not t-shirt and jeans. Be dressed as if your family is about to have Thanksgiving dinner. Another option is to have a football in hand or sitting on a couch with an Xbox controller.
- Why** Joshua 24:15, Psalm 69:30
- How** Don't be so worried about saying things word for word. The idea here is to simply talk to the audience and have fun. This should be light, but very encouraging. Really believe what you are saying- if you don't then your audience won't buy it.
- Time** Approximately 4-6 minutes

The Actor enters and addresses the audience.

This is just to the men.

Ladies, I know you get talked to so much around the holidays- magazines spilling forth crazy ideas of how to decorate your home, make the best pies, how to give a feeling of warmth even with your nine to five jobs. It seems like you are covered. It's the men I'm worried about. The men get a little left out when it comes to the holidays.

I mean, take Halloween for example. We just hand out candy. Ding-dong, answer the door, trick or treat, here you go, shut door, sit down-ding-dong. Round and round we go. We can do that. We even have purpose at Christmas- buy the gifts, get an ulcer over making a budget, asking, "Do we really need that? Yes we do! Can we afford it? No we can't!". That's actually fun for us in a demented, warped- "you so crazy" kind of way.

It's Thanksgiving that worries me the most, gentlemen. We really have nothing to do. Now, some of you guys can cook till the cows come home- you actually really like it. Good for you. I don't understand you or get you but I appreciate your mad skills. For the majority of us, we are fearful of the kitchen.

During Thanksgiving Day, things are being cooked in the kitchen and we can smell them. Our bellies growl with anticipation. We try to stay busy with playing a little touch football. It's become touch football because of what happened two years ago as we now affectionately refer to as the "No more tackle football now that cousin Suzy walks with a limp" incident. We try to re-arrange firewood and entertain the kids, but all we really want to do is watch football and eat. Or maybe it should be eating, then watching football? It doesn't matter as long as there is eating being done and the football being watched. We are really pretty...happy...*(like a new idea)* just seeing a movie and playing a little Xbox. I'm just spit-balling here for most men, but you get the point.

Men, here is the deal. You can eat your football and watch your food. *(Does some mental arithmetic)* Let me try that again. You can watch your football and eat your food. You can play Frisbee with cousin Suzy- *(in hushed tones)* just throw it right to her...she can't run.

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If you aren't good with words and praying around the table seems a little scary- you can always quote the Bible. A good one to end on is, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

If you end with that piece of scripture found in Joshua 24:15, let the games begin because all your family is going to watch you try to live that out till you gather together next Thanksgiving...and that's a good thing.

This Thanksgiving, men, let's be brave. Let's be bold. Let's count our blessings and be reminded of just who's in control of this big crazy world. 'Cause in a way we are all like cousin Suzy- we get knocked down, get the wind knocked out of us and have to pick ourselves up and walk...err...limp...to see another day and through all of it...

...be thankful.

Lights out. The end.