



Thank you for being you

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Philippians 1:3–6



Topic

Looking back with thanks, letting go with trust



Takeaway

God completes what he has begun in us and through us



10–15 minutes



Object: a card and a pen for each person



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Looking back with thanks, letting go with trust". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Each person receives a card with the name of someone else from the team. In silence, write one sentence on it: "Thank you for being / doing ..."

3 min

Bible text

Paul writes to the church in Philippi, which he helped to found. He is in prison and cannot be with them. Even so, he begins with thanks: "I thank my God every time I remember you." He remembers everything they have done together for the gospel. And he ends with great trust: "I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."

5 min

Thought

At the end of a camp many are tired, some things have gone wrong, and not every goal was reached. Paul shows two things: first, look back with thanks – for the people, not just for the programme. Second, let go with trust: what has begun in the children and in us is not in our hands alone. God carries on, even when camp is over. Now read your cards aloud in turn and hand them over.

5 min

Conversation

What are you especially thankful for at this camp – and what can you now leave to God?



Thank you for being you

Prayer to read aloud

Father in heaven, thank you for every person in this team.
Thank you for all you have done through us – and for what
you carry on without us. We place this camp in your hands.
Amen.

To think further

- Why is it often easier to name mistakes than to say thank you?
- What helps you really switch off after a camp and hand over responsibility?

For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.

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