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Fragrance

What do you smell like? Of all the questions you could have asked me; I would have never predicted that question. Why are you asking me that question? What do you mean by asking me that question? What kind of answer are you looking for from me? I have no idea of how to begin to answer that question. **I will help you out by asking you more questions?** That would be great. **Is there a pleasing aroma to your life? Are others drawn to the kind of life you are living? Is there anything about you that stands out in an attractive way? Are others inquisitive about you, because they see something good and positive and right in you?** Now, I am beginning to understand your questions. **Let me hear some of your answers.** Before I came to know you as my Savior and Lord I am sure that my life did not smell good. **How so?** My life had a selfish, self-centered, self-reliant, and self-absorbed sinful odor to it. I did not stand out as dramatically different from anyone else in the world. I lived for myself. I sought my own comfort and pleasure. I consumed things and used people. I went where I wanted. I did what I wanted. Everything about my life revolved around me. I was the center of my own universe. There was certainly nothing about my life that was pleasing to you or appealing to others. I'm sad to say that I was not the least bit troubled by the selfish and sinful odor of my life. My life stunk and I did not even know it. **That's not good.**

What has changed about you? Everything has changed about me. You have changed me. You are changing me. You are making me to be a completely new and different person. You are changing me from the inside out. My heart and mind and life are different because of you. My thoughts and words and deeds are different because of you. **Why is that?** You are now my Savior and Lord. You have broken the power of sin over my life. You are now leading me in victory. **How so?** I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I want to do what is pleasing to you. **What is pleasing to me?** You want me to love others just as you have loved me. **How does your life now smell?** I hope and believe that my life is a pleasing aroma to you and an appealing fragrance to others. I can confidently say this only because you are living your life in and through me. You are making me to be a pleasing aroma and appealing fragrance in the world so that others will be drawn to you. That is my prayer. That is my hope. That is what I believe you are doing in and through me as you lead me in your victory. **Yes, I have. Yes, I am. Yes, I will.**

Lord, before I came to know you as my Savior and Lord my life smelled of evil and carnal worldliness. I lived a selfish and sinful life. Nothing about my life was pleasing to you or appealing to others. Use my life now to spread the fragrance of you everywhere. Amen

Gratitude*Aroma Of Christ*

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?

NIV

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Gratitude*Christ-Like Fragrance*

But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this?

NLT

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Gratitude*Aroma Of Christ*

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

NRSV

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Gratitude*Sweet Fragrance Of Christ*

But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere. For we are the sweet fragrance of Christ [which exhales] unto God, [discernible alike] among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing: To the latter it is an aroma [wafted] from death to death [a fatal odor, the smell of doom]; to the former it is an aroma from life to life [a vital fragrance, living and fresh]. And who is qualified (fit and sufficient) for these things? [Who is able for such a ministry? We?]

AMP

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Gratitude*Fragrance Of Christ*

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?

NASB

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ESV

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Gratitude*Fragrance Of Christ*

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

NKJV

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Gratitude *Because Of Christ We Give Off A Sweet Scent*

And I got it, thank God! In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade. Through us, he brings knowledge of Christ. Everywhere we go, people breathe in the exquisite fragrance. Because of Christ, we give off a sweet scent rising to God, which is recognized by those on the way of salvation—an aroma redolent with life. But those on the way to destruction treat us more like the stench from a rotting corpse. This is a terrific responsibility. Is anyone competent to take it on?

MSG

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Gratitude*Sweet, Wholesome Fragrance*

But thanks be to God! For through what Christ has done, he has triumphed over us so that now wherever we go he uses us to tell others about the Lord and to spread the Gospel like a sweet perfume. As far as God is concerned there is a sweet, wholesome fragrance in our lives. It is the fragrance of Christ within us, an aroma to both the saved and the unsaved all around us. To those who are not being saved, we seem a fearful smell of death and doom, while to those who know Christ we are a life-giving perfume. But who is adequate for such a task as this?

TLB

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Gratitude*Sweet Smell Of Christ*

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in victory through Christ. God uses us to spread his knowledge everywhere like a sweet-smelling perfume. Our offering to God is this: We are the sweet smell of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are being lost. To those who are lost, we are the smell of death that brings death, but to those who are being saved, we are the smell of life that brings life. So who is able to do this work?

NCV

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Aroma Of Christ

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Gratitude – 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

In Context: *Read 2 Corinthians 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What did the fragrance of your life smell like before you came to know Christ as your Savior and Lord?

What needs to be removed from your life so that fragrance of Christ in you does become a foul odor?

What has the Lord used to remove unpleasing and foul odors of carnal worldliness from your life?

What about your life in Christ is now pleasing to God and appealing to others?

How has the Lord been working in, for and through your life to spread His fragrance everywhere?

How has the Lord made you equal to the task of spreading the fragrance of Him everywhere?

Who has been drawn to the Lord through the fragrance of Him, in your life, being spread everywhere?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to work in, for and through your life to spread the fragrance of Him everywhere.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will make you able to spread the fragrance of Him everywhere.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has used you to spread the fragrance of Him everywhere.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May the fragrance of Christ is you be spread everywhere.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to work in, for and through me so your fragrance is spread everywhere.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you spread the fragrance of you in me to others everywhere today?
