**Bio**: Hi, My name is Edwin Scott. I’ve been on Staff at HCBC for 4 years. Currently I'm the Spanish pastor. I’m happily married to my wife Samantha. We are so grateful to God for everything He has done in our lives. Over the last 4 years we’ve been praying for a baby. We thought we will have to adopt but God is so good that He answered our request by allowing us to have a baby for the first time. Our baby will be due next February 23rd.

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 23:1-2 No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the Lord. 2 No one born of a forbidden marriage[b] nor any of their descendants may enter the assembly of the Lord, not even in the tenth generation.

**Title:** con demasiadas cosas malas en tu vida para vivir agradecido?

**Central truth:** Ser parte del pueblo de Dios y tener una relación tan cercana a El es un privilegio que muchas veces no apreciamos.

Being part of God’s people and having a reletionship so close with Him is a privilage we often don’t appreciate.

**Devotional:**

In the Old Testament not everyone could be part of God’s people, nor they had the opportunity to participate in the religious service of the Israelite Nation (Assembly of God). The law was so rigorous than even those who were emasculated for pagane worship even if later they repented and converted to God they were not allowed to take part in any religious service to God. Even more, you did not have to do anything to be excluded, if anyone were born from a forbidden marriage was totally excluded. ***No one born of a forbidden marriage[b] nor any of their descendants may enter the assembly of the Lord, not even in the tenth generation.***

En el A. Testamento no cualquiera podía ser parte del pueblo de Dios ni tenía la oportunidad de participar en los actos religiosos de la nación israelita (Assembly of God). La ley era tan rigurosa que aquellos que fueron castrados intencionalmente para adoración pagana aunque después se hubieran arrepentido (es decir que si podían ser salvos) ya no podían tomar parte en los servicios religiosos. Aun más, bastaba con que alguno de nuestros antepasados cercanos hubiera pecado para quedar excluidos. ***2»No podrá entrar en la asamblea del Señor quien haya nacido de una unión ilegítima; tampoco podrá hacerlo ninguno de sus descendientes, hasta la décima generación.***

The book of Hebrews tells us that because of Jesus sacrifice to our favor, now we have complet acces not just to God’s peple but to God himself. No matter our nationality, wherever we are, the situation we are facing we can always enter the trone of grace. In other words we can communicate to God and He has promised to pay attention to our voices. Even if we fail, even with our weaknesses, even with our fisical deffects, even with our issues of carácter we can be called people of God and participate of His blessings every day. The apóstol Peter calls us a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession. We can participate with the rest of His people in worship and service. All this should motivate us to wake up every day with a profound sense of gratitud. How are you going to spend the rest of the day, thinking of all the bad things happend to you or with gratitud to God to be part of His people?

El libro de Hebreos nos dice que por el sacrificio de Jesús a favor nuestro, ahora tenemos acceso directo no solo a la asamblea de Dios sino que acceso a Dios mismo. Donde sea que estemos, en la situación en la que estemos podemos entrar al trono de la gracia es decir dirigirnos a Dios y El nos escucha atentamente. Aun si le fallamos, aun en nuestras debilidades, aun con nuestros defectos físicos, aun con nuestros defectos de carácter podemos ser llamados pueblo de Dios y participar de sus bendiciones y presencia todos los días. El apóstol Pedro nos llama pueblo santo y real sacerdocio. Podemos participar con el resto de su pueblo en adoración y servicio. Todo esto nos debería motivar a levantarnos todos los días con un sentimiento profundo de gratitud.

**Discussion Questions:**

How can we demonstrate gratitude to God for giving us the opportunity to participate in a corporate worship with the freedom we have?

If participating in a corporate worship is a privilege Why many people don’t see the value on coming to church with commitment?

Why do you think many people don’t see the value on serving in or out of the church when it is a privilege?