

Praise Him in the Valleys as Well as On the Mountaintops

By Gladys Davis

As I was resting, my mind began to drift back over my journey of 80-and-a-half years. My heart is so grateful for all the precious memories, of all the wonderful experiences, the wonderful people along the way, the happy and joyous times, growing up in a Christian home, for all my loving family, for my wonderful husband of almost 58 years and our four loving children and grandchildren, a loving niece who has helped so much through the years, the beautiful moments shared with family and friends, church family and yes, even strangers.

But then, I realized how grateful I am for all those bad times, the difficult times and the heart-breaking times, the sad times, the times I spent down in the valley. I'm grateful for these times, for this is where I learned and grew; these are the times when my faith and trust grew stronger. This is where I learned how much God and His Son Jesus really love me. When I have no strength of my own, He supplies what I need. When I feel I have no self worth He affirms that I am His child and He is my Father. No matter how many mistakes I make or how many times I mess up I know He will always forgive me, for His Son Jesus already paid for all my sins. I've learned and experienced His unconditional love, His forgiveness, His grace, His mercy and His acceptance.

No matter how I try, I can never repay Him. So I do the best I can to love with His love, to see others through His eyes, to accept all people as children of God and to forgive quickly. I'm 80 years old and I still don't always get it right, but I thank Him every day for who He is and for His Son Jesus and for what He provides for me.

My prayer is that I will bear the fruits of His spirit in my life, that I will be loving, kind, forgiving, accepting, nonjudgmental, and generous and that I will always be aware of the needs of others, and meet the needs that I can and that I will always be aware of His loving presence and His guidance in my life.

I know that God is the one and only true living God and He is the Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ, who loves us so much that He died for all our sins, so we can have forgiveness and have eternal life.

Because I know this, each day is a new beginning with new motivation.

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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My journey remembered

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