

# What Do I Delight In?

*“Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.”* Psalm 119:92



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Beloved, like most of you I have had a lot of affliction in my life. What is your affliction? Is it fears, insecurities, divorce, single parenting, a job loss, rebellious children, finances, a church split, infertility, death of a loved one, terminal illness, constant physical illnesses, loneliness, singleness, depression, bondage to sin, consequences of an abortion, etc.? At some point in my life, I have had most of these. A number of my afflictions happened before I accepted Christ as my Savior, and others are ongoing.

According to the Bible, as long as we are alive, we will experience tests, trials, temptations, and afflictions *in one form or another*. Speaking for myself, there is a world of difference between going through afflictions as a believer with hope and trust in Jesus and His Word and going through afflictions as a nonbeliever, when I had no hope or godly counsel and comfort. After I put my trust in Christ as my Savior, I started to daily read my Bible. I delight in God’s Word. Obedience to it has transformed my life and marriage.

I will never forget looking at my life as a brand new Christian. It looked like a ruined city in the midst of an earthquake! I remember reading Psalm 1:1-2 which reads, *“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor*

*sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.”*

Reading, meditating, and obeying God’s Word counseled, delivered, healed, restored, comforted, encouraged, and set me free. It gave me hope in situation after situation in my life. It is my hope for the afflictions in my life now and whatever comes in the future. I *delight* to obey the Bible because I love Jesus, and I have daily experienced HIS AMAZING GRACE, love, mercy, peace, and strength in every affliction. My *greatest delight* is my close relationship with Jesus Christ who gave His life for me. As I have allowed the Lord to use all my afflictions for His glory, He has turned them into an international ministry.

I encourage you to delight yourself in Jesus and His Word. He will not fail you, but, beloved, He may not remove all of your afflictions. This is not some easy answer. Again, He may not remove all of your afflictions, but He will help you in and through them. He will not let you perish, and your faith will grow and strengthen as your trust in Christ will be strengthened every day.

— Janice McBride

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*All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.*

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