

# Rescued by God's Word

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



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Beloved, as all of you know, afflictions come into all of our lives in one form or another. They affect us spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially. Some are small; others are large. Some last a short time; others may last for months or years. For some people or families, it is *one affliction after another for a lifetime*.

Before I trusted Christ as my Savior, I felt I was *born for affliction*. I was perishing in a life of pain, affliction, and hopelessness. I was raised in a violent alcoholic home where I was constantly beaten and abused. As I grew up, I had one illness after another, and I often thought of suicide! I had learned to be a master at covering up. On the outside I looked and sounded good, but on the inside I was *perishing in my affliction*.

I took all my pain, fears, insecurities, anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness into my first marriage. From day one that marriage was *perishing*. After several years it ended in divorce as I tried to escape my pain by trying to rescue myself. Years later I met and married my present husband Richard. I had hopes of a fresh start, but again I took all my past into my marriage. Soon my second marriage was *perishing*, and again I wanted to escape my pain and afflictions and rescue myself.

I was also *perishing in afflictions* of the consequences of sinful habits in my own life. Beloved, some of the circumstances in my life are

like yours. Some may be different, but there is one thing we have in common. We have all tried to rescue ourselves and failed! We may get married to try and escape our home life, get out of one marriage into another, go from one relationship to another, change jobs, try drugs, smoking, overeating, alcohol, shopping, a new car, a new house, hide in television or pornography or in our computer, etc. We may even try to rescue ourselves by trying to change sinful habits and clean up our lives. But it never lasts.

As a new believer, I was *rescued from my life of affliction* by the love, mercy, and AMAZING GRACE of Jesus Christ. I will never forget that day. As I would daily read and obey the Bible, the power of the Holy Spirit and *applying God's truths to every affliction* in my life has healed, cleansed, and set me free. It has rescued my marriage. For the rest of my life, I know that I can trust God's Word to rescue me from perishing in my afflictions. Beloved believer, it is not enough to read the Bible. You have to apply it. *You have to live it if you do not want to perish in your affliction.*

— Janice McBride

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