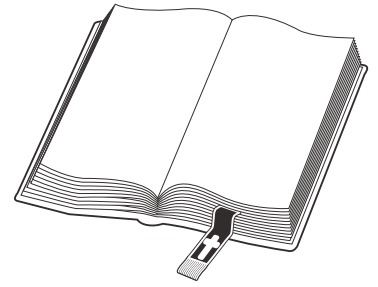


The Power of Remembering God's Faithfulness

"I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life."

Psalm 119:93



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Beloved, we have no life apart from Christ! If we are faithful to pray, read, and obey the Bible, the Lord will be faithful to transform our lives. However, we must *never forget* we have a very real enemy who wants to steal, kill, and destroy our faith and trust in Christ. Through many tests, trials, and temptations, I have experienced tremendous power to resist the enemy — as I *remembered* all the ways the Lord has been faithful to me. When I have given in to temptations and the enemy tries to tell me that I will never have victory and the Lord will not forgive me, there is power to resist Satan's lies as I *remember* so many sinful habits from which I never thought I would get free and as I *remember* GOD'S AMAZING GRACE as He helped me repent, get up, and start again until I was free.

For several years my husband and I have experienced a lot of physical illness. There is so much power to trust Jesus as we *remind* ourselves of all the things for which we have to be grateful: 1) We are grateful for our salvation in Christ; 2) His love that would forgive us and die for us when we were sinners; 3) According to Ephesians 1 Christ chose us before the foundation of the world, and He has adopted us into His family; 4) James 1 tells me to count the tests and trials as joy because the Lord is producing His character in me. I have experienced that over and over; 5) I have also experienced my faith grow through tests, trials, and temptations according to 1 Peter 1.

When someone hurts me, I quickly *remind* myself of how the Lord has forgiven me. When that same person hurts me over and over, I *remind* myself of the Lord's mercy and patience towards myself.

When the Lord opens doors of ministry and I feel inadequate, I *remind* myself of all the things the Lord has asked me to do over the years that I did not feel qualified to do. However, as I chose to obey Him, I was amazed to see what He accomplished through a weak vessel like me.

Beloved, I do not know what tests, trials, and temptations you are going through — but I know the enemy — and according to John 10:10, he is trying to steal, kill, and destroy your trust and faith, to cause you to doubt God and get bitter and angry and give in to self-pity. He is a liar. He wants you to believe that you have no hope, that you have committed too much sin, and that the Lord has given up on you. Do not believe him. Repent. Allow Jesus to forgive, cleanse, and restore you, and get back on your feet. *Do not forget* that there is *power in remembering* God's faithfulness.

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