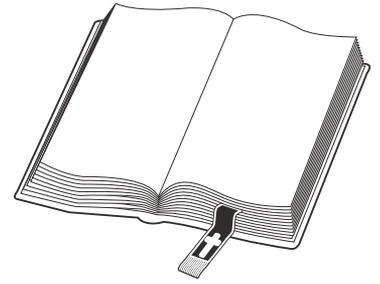


# I Am Wiser Than My Enemies



*“You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me.” Psalm 119:98*

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I remember March 1976. My life was in ruins. I had prayed to the Lord, telling Him that I was a sinner, and asked Him to forgive me, to save my soul, and to make me the person He wanted me to be. Now what? Where was I to go for the help I so desperately needed? Everything in my life seemed like a disaster. Where was I to start?

I remember feeling two emotions at the same time: 1) my problems seemed to be overwhelming and 2) because Jesus saved my soul, I could not believe He would leave me in the mess my life was in. So again, my thought was, “Where do I go for help, and where do I start?”

GOD’S AMAZING GRACE led me to the Bible. Reading my Bible daily was the answer to my first question of, “Where do I go for help?” Obeying the Bible was the second answer to my question of, “Where do I start?” In the midst of Satan trying to destroy my health, my mind, and my marriage, daily my Lord gave me His wisdom and counsel for each day and for each situation. As I obeyed the Bible whether I felt like it or not — can I say that again...I obeyed the Bible whether I felt like it or not — I experienced the power of the Holy Spirit transform my mind, my emotions, and my marriage.

Through obedience to the wisdom and counsel of the Bible, I was able to forgive my father for leaving before I was born. I was able to forgive my mother for constantly beating me and allowing me to be sexually abused, and I had the joy of praying for my mother to repent and accept Christ as her Savior. Through

reading and obeying the Bible, I was able to forgive my mother’s boyfriends who had abused me. Through obedience to the Bible and the power of the Holy Spirit, I was able to repent of sinful habits in my life and to be set free. I was also able to repent of an abortion that I had two years before I met my husband.

Psalm 1:1-2 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.”* Beloved, I did not go to the world for help. I went to Jesus. I learned to delight in the truth of God’s Word the Bible. I encourage you to daily read and obey God’s Word.

Psalm 23:5 reads, *“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.”* The table the Lord prepares for us in the presence of our enemies is the Bible. All that we need is there!

Some professing Christians would not dream of going without several meals a day, but think nothing of missing many meals that the Lord sets before them. Then they wonder why they have problems and why they do not grow and mature. Beloved, you are not going to grow unless you are reading and obeying God’s Word.

— Janice McBride

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

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