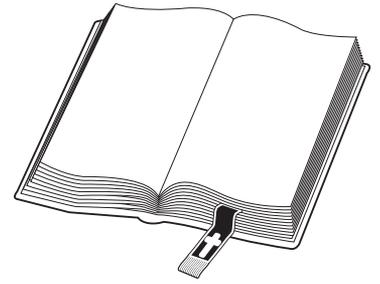


God's Words Are Sweet

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

Psalm 119:103



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Beloved, this scripture is the perfect description of how I felt about the Bible since I put my trust in Christ as my Savior. As a new believer with a life and marriage in ruins, I did not know where to go for help. Daily, the Holy Spirit would lead me to the exact scriptures that I needed for each situation. It was just like the scripture said. The Lord's words in the Bible tasted sweeter than honey to me. For the first time in my life, I had hope.

As I obeyed the Bible, GOD'S AMAZING GRACE started to transform my life and to restore my home. John 14:15 reads, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments."* God proved His love for me by sending Jesus to die for me. Jesus proved His love for me by dying on the cross to pay for my sins. I prove my love to Jesus by obeying His written Word in the Bible. Over the years I have been a believer, I have often talked to people who say that they do not feel the Lord's love for them. The emphasis is on the word "feel."

Beloved, look at the *evidence*. Christ was mocked, rejected, and denied. He was betrayed. He was beaten and crucified for your sins and mine. He willingly took all of that for us when we were His enemies! Feelings are not wrong *when they agree with scripture*. However, we need to look at the evidence of Christ's love and believe the Bible.

After I speak at meetings, people constantly tell me, "I know what the Bible says, but it is hard to

obey it, Janice." Others do not know what to do about situations in their lives. They ask my advice. However, when I tell them what the Bible says, they say, "But Janice, that is hard."

Beloved, 1 John 5:2-3 reads, *"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."* God's commandments are not hard. It is sin and giving in to our flesh that is *hard*. Living my life my way was *hard*. The selfish, stubborn pride in my life was *hard*. Holding on to bitterness and anger was *hard*. Indulging my lustful eating and other sinful habits was *hard*. Putting myself first in my marriage was *hard* also until I surrendered to Christ. Feeling sorry for myself was *hard*.

Obedience to God's Word brings forgiveness, cleansing, deliverance, healing, restoration, peace and joy. It has transformed my life. To me, God's Words are truly sweeter than honey to my soul. They are *not* hard.

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

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