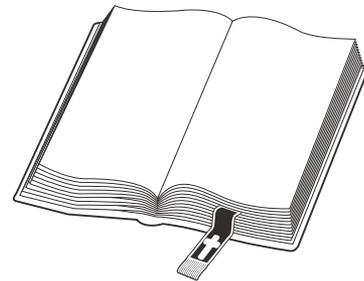


Lord, Please Open My Eyes

“Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.”

Psalm 119:18



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When I put my trust in Christ as my Savior in 1976, I was like a blind person groping around in darkness. In the dictionary the word grope means to search by feeling in the dark. That was a good description of me and my life! I felt like I had been trying to find my way in a world full of the darkness of sin and pain all of my life. Even though my natural eyesight was good, sin and sorrow had made me like a blind person. I was blind to any purpose in my life, blind to any good in my husband or my marriage, blind to any hope; I could not see anything. I kept groping about in my dark world for help, but nothing worked or lasted.

I remember crying out to God to open my eyes as I daily read the Bible, to help me see people in situations as He did. As I was obedient to read God’s Word, He was faithful to open my eyes to all of His wonderful truths. The transformation in my life and marriage was incredible.

All my life I had natural eyesight, but I was spiritually blind. God’s amazing grace, the power of His Word and the Holy Spirit was like having eye surgery every day as I read and obeyed His Word. Psalm 107:20 reads, *“He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”* Beloved, this has been my experience all of my Christian life. The power of the Word gave sight to my blind eyes and delivered me from a life of hopelessness and destruction.

One of the wonderful truths that Jesus opened my eyes to see and my heart to receive was Ephesians 1:3-7, which told me that the Lord chose me before the foundations of the world.

Through Christ I was predestined to be adopted into His family. It was His good pleasure to do this in my life, and by His grace He made me accepted in the Beloved. I can’t describe the healing that this scripture brought into my life.

You see, I was illegitimate. My dad did not want me. As soon as he knew my mother was pregnant, he left with no love towards me and no thought of providing food, clothing, or shelter. My mother did not want me. She tried to abort me three times. Then for 16 years she constantly told me that I was a mistake, that she did not love me, and that I should never have been born. She constantly beat me and abused me. God’s Word opened my eyes to see that I was not a mistake. It was His good pleasure and plan to create me and to adopt me into His family before the foundations of the earth. Praise God! Jesus chose me.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I have forgiven my earthly parents and had the joy of praying with my mother as she gave her life to Christ. I hope that you love God’s Word as I do, and I hope that you will allow Him to open your blind eyes. Jesus loves you, and He is never going to give up on you, but you need to totally and completely surrender your life to His Lordship. Then as you read the Word daily, allow Him to take the blindness from your eyes because you will only get set free by His Word.

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

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