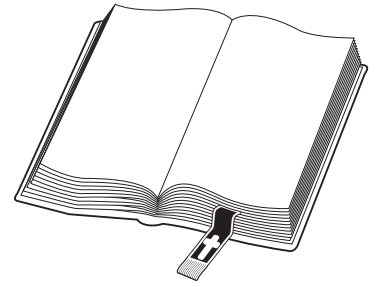


# Jesus Never Disappoints Us

*“Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;  
and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.” Psalm 119:116*



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In the Hebrew dictionary, this word *ashamed* means “disappointed.” Jesus is our hope, and He will never disappoint us. Beloved, true life comes from a close relationship with Jesus Christ. True life, peace, and joy come from daily surrendering our lives to the Lordship of Jesus. Only through daily prayer, reading and obeying the Bible do we have a life worth living. If we daily obey the Bible, we will never be disappointed in Jesus or His promises to us.

Psalm 119:4-6 reads, *“You have commanded us to keep Your precepts diligently. Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes! Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your commandments.”* Beloved, we live with disappointment, shame, and regret every time we try to be in control of our own lives, but we will not experience disappointment if we trust and obey Jesus. Isaiah 50:7 reads, *“For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.”*

When I put my trust in Christ as my Savior in March 1976, I set my face like flint to have a close relationship with Jesus Christ. My health was bad. My marriage was on the brink of divorce. My husband and I had a lot of debt. I was in bondage to many sinful habits. I had a lot of anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, fears, pain, and insecurities as a result of growing up in an

alcoholic, violent home where I was constantly beaten and abused for many years.

But my Lord has never failed or disappointed me. Through obedience to His Word, the power of the Holy Spirit, and HIS AMAZING GRACE, He has healed my spirit and soul and several of my health problems. He has restored my marriage. I love my husband Richard more every day. Several years ago we paid off our house mortgage and became debt-free. He gave me His grace to repent, and one by one, He has been setting me free from bondage to sin.

He gave me His power to forgive all who had sinned against me just as He had forgiven me. Beloved, I do not have the words to express how much I love Jesus Christ or how grateful I am to Him for my salvation. Is my life perfect now? No. No way. Absolutely not. Philippians 1:6 tells me that, *“being confident of this very thing that He who has begun a good work in me will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”* I can trust that Jesus will be working in my life until I see Him face to face, but I am fully confident that as I obey Him, I will have no shame when I meet Him in person. I encourage you. Surrender your life to Christ. He will never disappoint you.

— Janice McBride

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

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