

Friday - March 19

"But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"

Psalm 40:16 (NIV)

I can point to many moments in my life when I know that God was drawing me nearer to Him and those moments felt significant. Sadly, those were just moments and although I lived a life of church attendance and participation, I was not seeking a relationship with God. Without that relationship I saw no hope or light and had no strength in my soul when I entered a dark period.

While wreaking havoc on my own life, I reached a bottom and cried out to God to rescue me and He did! I had a burning desire to express my gratitude through praise and worship. That's what I knew how to do, so I started attending church again. In 2015, God's nudges sent me to a devotional group where His love was shown to me, a small group where He provided fellowship and ultimately a Women's Bible Study where His Word penetrated my heart and ignited my passion to know him more dearly. Still today, this Bible Study provides me a pathway to renewal in my life because it allows me a pathway for a relationship with God. Seeking Him through The word, in fellowship with others, strengthens my hope to face challenges in my life and in the world. It provides evidence of His grace and mercy throughout eternity. Grace and mercy that transform my life and give me hope because of His greatness!

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Prayer: Dear Lord, I seek to know you more today than I did yesterday. I praise you for Your Holy Word and I praise you for fellowship with others that desire to know you more too. Thank you for your transformative power and love, always available to me, to renew me and to provide me hope that I can share with the world. Amen.