

Wednesday - March 15

the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Psalm 118:23-24 (NIV)

My two yellow Labrador Retrievers are great joys in my life and our daily walk is a highlight of the day for all of us. Paisley is six years old and Piper is seven months old. Although it is a daily routine that seems the same, in fact each day and walk is unique: the seasons and temperatures change, the sun shines or the clouds darken the sky, the leaves and flowers come and go.

One day we were walking and I was daydreaming about what to write for this devotion. I wasn't paying much attention to my surroundings and was lost in thought. Piper suddenly made a lunge to the left, after a leaf blowing across the street.

A little further along, Piper looked up, then stopped in her tracks to sit down and watch a passing airplane. At the same time, some birds took off for flight out of a nearby tree. While Piper watched the activity in the sky, Paisley patiently waited, looking at active squirrels in the neighboring yard. Once the birds passed by, Piper looked at me and we all resumed our walk, with both of their tails wagging.

It made me laugh that while I was musing over ways to notice God, my dogs were enjoying the delights all around us. They reminded me that rejoicing in the moment makes me alert to God's presence.

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Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Thank you for the beauty of Your creation. Open my eyes to blessings and opportunities in the moment. Help me remember that You are always with me, and to rejoice in You always. In Your loving name. Amen.