

## Rejoicing in God's Word

First of all, take a few moments to read through Psalm 105:1-4. As “Women of the Word” we are placed in roles to be a witness to others by our words and deeds. We have to be open-minded and encourage our neighbors to find ways to revitalize their own devotion to God's words. I feel that God's Word brings true happiness and empowers all Christians, regardless of sex. Everyone is different and that's what God intended when he put together this creation! Diversity brings color to the canvas when a painter paints. And so it is with us when we come together in the bigger picture!

Psalm 105:1, states that we are to give thanks to the Lord. If we truly want to be blessed, we must be grateful. Some of the most grateful people we know have little worldly goods but possess spiritual wealth beyond measure. A character in one of Charles Dickens' stories remarks, "My not knowing at one meal where I shall get the next is a great help to thankfulness."

In Psalm 105: 3 we are to rejoice in our hearts and seek God always. If we nurture the reading of God's word in our life, then we will encourage the “seeking” and the “rejoicing” as well as the questions. It is in these questions that we begin to understand true meaning behind God's word. As a home health nurse, I have had experiences that led me to ask “Why?” “Why so young before they have had time to enjoy this creation that God has placed before them?” “Why now?” When these questions come I know in my heart of hearts that the answer lies in the words so carefully long ago. Slowly I begin to read God's word, searching for answers knowing they come. It is in difficult situations and when I feel discouraged that I find comfort in passages like Psalm 23; 42; Isaiah 40; and Matthew 5:1-12.

I haven't been a Christian as long as others and I consider myself a “CIT” (“Christian-in-Training”), and will, until the day I die. I never want to think I know all the answers because this would be wrong. Every time I read the Bible, I find something new. I was not brought up in the church, and in many ways feel that I am behind on learning many of these lessons, but I know my heart has been enriched by God's Word and I love the freedom we have as Christians in America. It disturbs me that many of my rights as a Christian are being taken away. Just one woman was successful in getting prayer removed from our schools. If one woman can have that much influence, imagine what a whole group of Cumberland Presbyterian woman can do when we truly become “Women of the Word.” Let us live the words of Psalm 105....”giving thanks to the Lord....and remembering His marvelous works!”

### Reflection:

- ♥ With a neighbor share what have you been particularly joyful or grateful for the past few days or weeks?
- ♥ When you've encountered difficulty, where have you found comfort in God's Word recently?
- ♥ Name one thing that you would like to do for God, but feel like you can't do it alone. Who could get as a partner to accomplish your dream?



### Closing Prayer:

Our most gracious Father, we give you thanks and at this time call upon your name to help us become stronger in our work for you. Teach us to show your deeds to others and joyfully sing your praises. We are your humble servants and honor your name above all names. Thank you for your blessings, big and small. Empower us with your words so that we may reach out to all who will hear. Amen.

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