

Greetings dear sisters in Christ,

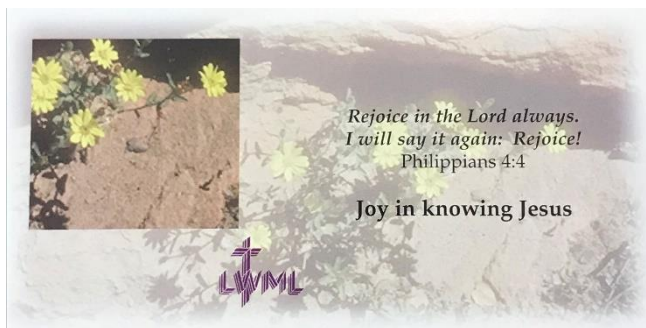
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I hope you had the opportunity to join in the recent weekly LWML online Bible study, *Overflowing Abundance*, written and led by Donna Pyle Snow. Donna related the account of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand found in Matthew 14:13–21 to our lives today in which Jesus abundantly provides overflowing gifts. In Lesson 5, Donna spoke of seasons of brokenness followed by seasons of blessing. We have all experienced a season of brokenness during this pandemic and unrest, but seasons of brokenness are temporary; and our Lord may use that time to grow our faith in Him, and to use that time to share the Gospel message with others. God has blessed us with knowing the hope of eternal joy with Him in life everlasting. Let that joy out!



As I mentioned in my first letter to you, I would be sharing several LWML *Mustard Seed Devotions* with you here on this website. I encourage you to receive a daily electronic *Mustard Seed Devotion* via email or Facebook. Increase a fellow sister's joy by 1) forwarding it to her; 2) copying one and mailing it to her; 3) purchasing them from the LWML Store at lwml.org and sharing them. The link to the daily *Mustard Seed Devotion*: www.lwml.org/todays-mustard-seed-devotion, as well as the daily *Mustard Seed Devotion* can be found here on our LA-MS district website under the ABOUT tab.

Serving the Lord with gladness through the LWML has been a tremendous joy! If you would like to serve on an LWML LA-MS District Committee, please contact me at lwmlamspres@gmail.com. Your gifts and talents are welcomed.



Joy in Knowing Jesus

In the Word

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! [Philippians 4:4](#).

Of the Word

Paul wrote many of his letters from prison. Accused, berated, beaten, imprisoned, he still practiced what he preached: Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord. In the dark and dank maximum-security cell of the Philippian prison, Paul and Silas found joy in the Lord.

Nothing in their circumstances or surroundings seemed to give reason for rejoicing. But they were able to look beyond those things and hold fast to the promises of God. Those promises gave them reason for rejoicing.

What "prisons" surround God's people today? Unemployment? Over commitment? Depression? War? Paul's exhortation, inspired by God, is the same for the 21st century: Rejoice in the Lord. And the Lord says to us ... *I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you* [Joshua 1: 5b](#). What a reason to rejoice in Him!

Walking with my Lord

Lord, no matter what circumstances face me today, help me to find joy in You. When I become weak and anxious, give me strength to endure. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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May God's grace, peace, and joy be with you,
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