

Today I have special words to encourage you. We aren't done with the marriage series, but during my Bible reading I came across a passage that beautifully describes who you are to this ministry of God. I want to share it with you.

Loving you deeply through Him,
Jennifer

My Prayer for You

I wonder what you think when you see this email in your in-box: do you feel like you're just a person on a mass mailing with one more email to bog you down, or are you excited to hear from a friend?

You get this email for different reasons. Most of you heard me speak and signed up for it. Some of you stumbled across the Hope in the Lord website. Others are simply friends and family. Regardless of why you get it, I send it to all of you for just one reason – because I love you and care deeply for you.

I know it sounds corny or insincere. This won't help my case, but I'll tell you that if someone were going to describe me in five words, loving wouldn't be one of them. Yet my heart overflows with love and caring for each and every woman on this mailing list and for everyone I have ever had the privilege of speaking to. It's the power of Christ. It is His love poured out for you. I pray that when you read these words you will feel that love and that you will know you aren't just someone on a mailing list, but a friend I am privileged to know and a person who is deeply loved by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

This morning my heart was full with love and prayers for all of you as I read through the letters to the Thessalonians. I want to share my prayer for you based on 2 Thessalonians 2:13 – 3:5:

I always thank God for each and every one of you, you who are loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you. He chose you to be saved through the work of His Holy Spirit and through belief in the truth of Jesus. I thank God that He called and is calling you through His Word.

Lord, help these women to stand firm in your teachings. Jesus, God, Lord, You who love them, pour out your grace on them. Let them know your eternal encouragement and good hope. Encourage their hearts, Lord, and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

Lord, let your message spread rapidly among them and be honored. Deliver them from wicked and evil people, those without faith. And Lord, be faithful to them: strengthen and protect them from the evil one.

Mighty Lord, I know that you are working in their lives. Direct their hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance. Be with them always. Call them to you and let them not ignore the call.

I don't know what your day holds, but I know who holds your day. I know He loves you and that He is more than enough for you today. He will meet your every need and comfort your heart. He will shine His light into your darkness. He will carry the burden weighing you down. He will still you and give you rest.



Truth that Changes Your Life

Find some quiet time today to read Psalm 63. Read it several times, slowly, focusing on each individual line. Read it out loud with meaning and passion. Get out a pen and circle, underline, and box. Then share your thoughts and heart with the Lord. Tell Him what these words mean to you. Praise Him for the way

they spoke to you. Ask Him to help you understand the parts that make no sense. Confess the sins and shame it brings to mind. Thank Him for all you have in your life.

In the coming week, do the same thing with the Psalms below, then continue on with your own week-long journey through Psalms and Proverbs, going in order or at random.

Let God speak to you.

Week One

- Psalm 63
- Psalm 62
- Psalm 61
- Psalm 51
- Psalm 139
- Psalm 5

Week Two

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Action that Changes Your Life

- What will you change to ensure that you spend time in your Bible and in prayer every day?
- How will you look for God's presence and provision in your life this week?



I pray that He will turn you to Him this week and greatly increase your faith. I pray that His light will pierce your darkness and bring you peace and rest.

In His abiding and true love,
Jennifer