

## He Delights in the Details

By Christine Anderson

**Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. – Psalm 34:8**

Seven years ago my family lived in West Texas. I met someone while living there who quickly became one of my best friends. She used to say something that really stuck with me. She'd say in her Texas drawl, "We have a God who delights in the details."

Do you know that God?

Do you know the God who delights in the details of your life or do you know a god who is far away and distant?

In the last newsletter I wrote, I issued a challenge for you to send me your testimony over the previous two weeks. I received about 10 responses – all of which were awesome. Our God is so good to us and it is an encouragement to hear how God is working in other women's lives. He is so huge and worthy of praise.

Do you know that God?

With permission I am going to share with you one of the testimonies I received. It was written by Stefanie Hollman. Stefanie knows a God who delights in the details of her life. She knows a God who is huge and worthy of praise.

How I pray that you know that God. How I ache for you to find freedom in Christ and Christ alone. He delights in you, my friend. Do you delight in Him?

### ***My Last Two Weeks Testimony by Stefanie Hollman***

*I would like to begin with the following entry from one of my journals:*

*October 04, 2011: I am amazed at how much God is doing in my life. I was at Costco and saw some canned roast beef, and, believe it or not, got very excited. We sometimes did not have enough to eat growing up. During some of those times, my Grandma would share some of her government subsidies, including canned pork. I thought it was delicious. I was so happy just to have food! At Costco, I picked up a four-pack package of canned roast beef, and then I believe I heard God tell me to pick up another package for the local food pantry. I called the Gretna Food Pantry and asked them what they could really use...what they were low on, and she told me they were low on canned meat! God knew. I also keep seeing confirmation of different things God is teaching me through people at Bible study, through my Christ Life material, Bible study material I receive online, in my Bible study book, things God tells me. It all lines up together.*

*Last week at Bible study I asked one of the women who used to play the drums what a good starter drum set would be for my eight year old to begin with. The leader of the study said that she had a drum set that they were about ready to give to Goodwill. Someone had given it to them and she wanted to give it to us free of charge. She told me to pick it up at the next Bible Study, which happened to be my son's birthday.*

*God knew that my son had been wanting a drum set since he was five and He knew and wanted him to have his special surprise on his birthday!*

*God has also begun to reconcile two relationships this last week. I hadn't talked to my sister-in-law since she and my brother filed for divorce three years ago. Her and I never really got along while they were married, so I didn't see any need to try to stay connected after they were divorced. This week, I felt God speaking to me to invite her over for a visit and to call her and apologize to her for my part in the problems of our relationship. Before I could call her, she called me and I obediently apologized to her, which she did in return. We had a very good conversation and I just felt God speaking through me during the whole conversation. What would have been impossible for me to do on my own, God was able to do through me.*

*This week God has also brought someone else into my life who is asking to reconcile. I received an email one year ago from this person. The email was full of very hurtful words, judgment and condemnation regarding some choices I was making in my life at the time, which I believe and still do, that God was asking of me. I so desperately wanted to write back, defending myself, which probably would have ended up being hurtful to her also, but God told me to wait. He told me it wasn't time yet. He had more work to do. I felt God telling me it was time this week to send a reply to a new email I just received from her. She and I are both communicating now and I have invited her over also along with my sister-in-law and some other friends and family.*

*I asked Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord of my life when I was eight, but I did not completely surrender myself to Him. I wanted to do things my way. I did not ask Him to take total control of my life until two years ago. In these last two years, God has put me through a weaning pen, so to speak. He has asked me to do some very difficult things that I didn't fully understand at the time, but I can now see that everything He has asked me to do has helped to bring about healing in me...healing from a severely abusive childhood...and has brought me so much closer to Him. He wants me to rely solely on Him and put Him first in all things. I now want Him to be first in all areas of my life, and now I feel He is showering me with many blessings! I have so much to be thankful for! I was once a slave and am now free!*

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