

Celebrate With Thanksgiving but Also Compassion

Here in the United States, we have celebrations during the month of May. The first one is celebrating mothers. When we look back on Jesus' life, we can see His love for His mother on the cross. Can you imagine Jesus in His agony caring and loving His earthly mother so much that He gave her care to the disciple John? Sweet Mary had to watch her Son's sacrifice. All the grueling comments, beatings, cruel treatment and the crucifixion. The blessing is she knew He rose. And the finished work of Jesus is what we can celebrate as Christians every day. My gentle encouragement is to always celebrate your mother during the year. There may be those whose mothers are not present with them this year. Please reach out and care for those sweet souls. They may terribly miss their mother on this day.

Later in May, we celebrate graduations. This is where students have successfully achieved one segment of their studies, and they are moving on to the next phase in their education or career. God truly blesses His children with education and celebrating those achievements. It does not matter our age. God's Bible study plan continues until we are at home with Him in heaven. We can always celebrate spiritual growth and knowing our God in a deeper way.

While we take a moment to celebrate on a special day, let us be in an attitude of thanksgiving to God for these special individuals. Continue to pray with and over them. For those of you who may have lost a loved one and have moments of grief in your heart, it is my prayer that Christian friends and family will join around you to comfort you. Please keep the good memories in your precious mind. It is always my prayer that more and more people are making Jesus their Lord and Savior. What a glorious day it will be when we are home in heaven

seeing Jesus face to face, and we are gathered with those we love!

Over the upcoming weeks, I would like to invite you to spend some time with me in Bible Study. We will be diving into sharing Jesus with those around us as well as growing with the Lord. We will be working from my two books, *Heaven Bound* and *Walking The Talk*. You can read along and listen to my recent episode of *Loved Always*. My website, , has links to purchase each book. Bring along your Bible as it is the foundation for any book I write to help believers. There are countless Scriptures in these books. We will only be able to touch the surface within this framework. I would like to make sure you have great resources that help you in your journey with the great God we love, serve and worship. {eo}

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