



LIVING A LIFE OF CELEBRATION

HOW CAN WE LIVE A LIFE OF CELEBRATION?

St. Augustine said, "The Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot." What a great image! Celebration is so much more than an attitude, it is an *essential expression of the character of God*, a reflection of our Creator God in His creation.

Where do we start when we feel like we have nothing to celebrate? We begin with something small and often overlooked:

- breath in our lungs
- the rhythmic beat of our hearts
- soft-spun cotton
- raspberries fresh from the vine
- the gentle glow of a campfire
- the voice of a loved one

What one small thing can you celebrate today?

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Thank God for each thing you eat, drink, and do today. Then celebrate God's abundant and loving-kindness by listing those things below:

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Let God's people rejoice in their triumph and sing joyfully all night long.
(Psalm 149:5)

The LORD your God _ celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love. (Zephaniah 3:17)

How have you felt refreshed by God's love?

Come, let's sing for joy to the LORD, Let's shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. (Psalm 95:1)

Where have you experienced joy today?

Lord, I will give thanks to you with all my heart. I will tell about all the wonderful things you have done. (Psalm 9:1)

What quiet miracle have you seen God perform?

Don't let the little moments, small blessings, or tiny triumphs slip by unnoticed or unacknowledged. Instead, pause. Give thanks. Take a photograph, write a paragraph, or share your celebration with a friend. Join the chorus of creation and share your joy.

*Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!*
(Psalm 150:3-6)

"It is only the goodness of God sensibly experienced by us which opens our mouth to celebrate His praise." (John Calvin)

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