

I ENJOY YOU

The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. - Zephaniah 3:17

"I enjoy you!" Those words settled in my spirit as I nestled in my writing cubicle armed with my favorite markers, colored tabs, anointing oil, water, journals and Bibles. I looked at all my personal little idiosyncrasies, and it made me laugh. But in the midst of laughing at myself, I heard the Father say, "I enjoy you." The very One I pray to finds *me* enjoyable? The God who allows me to enter *His* throne room with all my fears, failures, hopes, dreams, wants, needs and desires is telling me that He enjoys *me*? Then I heard Him speak into my spirit, saying, "This will be a year that I express My delight for My children. I will sing over them as a Father Who is filled with delight. This is how I see you, and I want you to receive like a child would receive and to believe like a child would believe. This is the year of My delight!"

One of God's greatest desires is to have a close relationship with His children—He wants us to spend time with Him, talk to Him and listen for His voice. It doesn't mean minimizing the glory, honor, power and majesty of the One we bow to, serve and obey. It means understanding, knowing and accepting that we are His beloved. His love and affection for us are that of a Father, but many of His children don't know how much He loves them or understand who they are in Christ, and it affects their relationship with Him. Galatians 4:4–7 (msg) tells us the Father sent His Son to make it possible for us to be His children and that we have the privilege of having intimate conversations with our Father. Your Father enjoys you, enjoys being with you and enjoys everything about you. This is His unconditional love for you! The more you grasp it, the deeper your relationship with Him will be!

His desire is for you to hear and believe Him when He says, "I love you, and I enjoy you." He knows when you embrace His love for you, you can stand strong no matter what lies the Enemy may throw at you. Rejection, failure or unworthiness are no longer accepted as truth. You are an heir and have been given all the benefits and privileges of being His child. He gives you direct access to His throne and wants you to share your heart about your life and the needs of others because He enjoys you coming to talk with





Him. From His throne you are given wisdom, understanding, vision, insight, counsel and above all, a Christlike love for yourself and those you're interceding for. You can always have confidence in Him and pour out your heart before Him (Psalm 62:8, AMP).

Allow His light to shine on you and His delight to be showered over you. He's singing over you with love and joy, and He wants you to experience a new and fresh revelation of His love this year so that you can enter His presence with an understanding of who you are—His delight!

There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God.

~ Brother Lawrence

Prayer

Father, I pray today You would show me that my uniqueness is a gift from You. I thank You that as I draw closer to You that I will be able to hear You speaking and singing over me. Help me to believe that each word and prayer I share with You is a priceless gem to Your ears. Show me today, Father, how to more fully enter into Your presence and enjoy You as much as You enjoy me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Activation

- Designate a special place, separate from all distractions, that you can come to and meet with your Father.
- Enter into His presence with thanksgiving; enter His courts with praise. Listen to worship music that speaks of His love for you. For example, "You Are For Me" and "My Beloved" by Kari Jobe.
- Search the Word for scriptures that will personally show you just how much the Father loves and enjoys you.
- Talk with God as a child to a Father. Tell Him your hurts, your triumphs, what most excited you about the day, what you didn't understand, etc. As you do this more and more, you'll begin praying with more confidence.

For Further Study

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) Ephesians 3:12 Romans 8:15 Romans 8:38–39

Memory Verse

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