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over these and other scriptures every morning to be focused and to keep the truth of God's Word fresh in my heart and soul. I wish I could say that I haven't had a few bumps in the road but I stop and meditate on the Word until I have peace and joy in believing.

The circumstances have not changed but I have. I trust God with my whole heart. I confess that my wife will live and not die and declare the works of God. I choose to walk and live by faith, not sight. Isaiah 26:3 says, "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trust in You."

Third: Romans 12:12. "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, instant in prayer."

What a power packed short scripture that puts it all together. Not only am I abounding in hope, but I am taking it up a notch to rejoicing in hope. Abounding in hope is great, but rejoicing in hope is such an outward show that you have received hope. I am also rejoicing in hope while reminding myself to be patient in tribulation. Patience means to have the capacity for calm endurance. Finally, instead of listening to the lies of the devil, I am being instant in prayer, declaring God's Word. Now that's taking it up a notch. Proverbs 13:12 says, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life."

This is a terrible statistic that in 2022, 760,000 people committed suicide. That's approximately one evry ten minutes. Bible hope, earnest expectation, is dear to me because about one month before Jesus entered my life I actually tried to kill myself. I'm writing this so you know that, Praise God, I failed. It truly was divine intervention. I woke up the next morning with the needle still in my arm but passed out before injecting all of it. I was so grateful because I really did not want to die. I wasn't sure what happens when you die. So I know what it feels like to have no hope. No light at the end of the tunnel. And now to actually abound in hope, not just abound but to really rejoice in hope truly is a tree of life. The devil brings anxiety, worry, fear, doubt, and unbelief that nothing will work out. It's hopeless. We serve a God that wants us to have joy and peace in believing through the storms and trials of life. He wants us to abound and be rejoicing in hope, with an EARNEST EXPECTATION, that we can trust Him with our whole heart.



Praise Reports

I've been praying the prayer in the "Prayers That Avail Much" book – the Prayer of Blessing for the household." The line that says "I declare on the authority of your Word that my family will be mighty in the land, this generation of the upright will be blessed." It's my favorite prayer for my family. His Word is Truth and it works. D.C.

I haven't written lately, so I wanted to share some praise reports. Last week I went to a rheumatology doctor for a follow up on some recent blood work. She was quite surprised that I haven't had any gout flare ups since my uric acid levels are so high! Praise God! I got to give my healing testimony again to yet another medical doctor! Jesus does all things well and I'm thanking Him for my total healing of that foul disease in Jesus name! It's been about 8 years since you prayed and I've had NO gout. Amen! D.C.

I have a praise report about my turkey! On Wednesday my daughter had not yet gotten a turkey. So I told her I'd go to the store and look for a smaller one. When I got to the store, the only Butterball turkeys were the fresh ones. The price was about \$60 for an 18 lb turkey. I asked the butcher if he had any frozen turkeys in the back, and he said they sold out of them weeks ago. So I asked if he could call the another store to see if they had any. He said yes of course. As he turned to go call, he turned back to me and said if you want one of the fresh ones I can change the price for you so you don't have to run all over town. I said sure, as long as you won't get in trouble. He said he had no idea why they wouldn't have marked them down anyhow since it was the day before the holiday. So he grabbed one and made a new label. So it was \$2.69/lb instead of \$5.38/lb. In addition, there was a sale on it so it was even cheaper down to \$2.49/lb, and my daughter had a coupon for a dollar off per pound, so she ended up paying \$30 for a 19 pound fresh turkey and a 5 pound bag of potatoes. Now that's what I call favor! Thank you Jesus! D.C.

Our prayers are heard in heaven. Everything large or small, He is listening. The father closed the door between my precious son and two Hollywood people that advocate things that are contrary to the Word of God. This is just the faithfulness of God. May He remove every harm out of our loved ones ways. Amen! M.M.

I am thanking RDM for your prayers for my family, in particular for my son. He came over with his family for Thanksgiving and really surprised and blessed me with the things that he said about the Lord. Everything he said was good and showed me that he really knows and does his best to follow in the footsteps of the Master. My mama's heart was doing cartwheels. Thank you Jesus for you are concerned with all that concerns us. L.H.

Praise God for answered prayer for my niece and her husband! My niece mentioned they wanted to sell their commercial semi-truck within a month. A week went by, then other week. I knew I needed to request prayer from RDM prayer partners. I did so. Praise God for answered prayer! Within a week I heard they sold the truck. Psalms 138:8. God is so good! He hears our prayers and He takes care of the things that concern us. Thank you for the prayers RDM! God is faithful! S.D.

This is a praise report of something only God can do! Last Friday night my grand daughter Claire was having a sleepover with her friend from school that she goes to the weekly Bible study with. When they got home from the study everybody was around the table having ice cream. Both Claire and her friend shared the lesson from the Bible study to the family sitting there having ice cream! They are sowing seeds of the Word to the other members of the family. Kristen, Claire's mom, even told me how Claire's brother (Ryder) and sister (Cassidy) were asking questions! Praise God! He's getting the Word to Kristen and Trevor (Claire's dad) and the other two kids via Claire! In the darkness they are being lights! This is why I pray for my grandchildren. They are the glimmers of hope in the dark land. I'm going to give her a salvation prayer, so she can ask her parents to pray with her; when the opportunity arises. All the glory and good happenings belong and go to Honor Jesus our great Redeemer. D.C.

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