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## ***He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b***

**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE:** *Jesus therefore said to the Pharisees again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep..." John 10:7-11*

### **Jesus' Different Way**

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It's almost here! Christians all over the world will celebrate the Resurrection of our Messiah and Savior Jesus. In my daily Bible readings, one of the places I happen to be in is Luke. I love his portrayal of the compassionate and caring Jesus. It is easy to see Father God's heart being expressed through His Son to the Jews and Gentiles alike. His loving approach draws me in as I read of His encounters with different individuals whom He touched physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

As His following increased in numbers throughout His three-year ministry on earth, on one level it is hard to understand why He was abandoned by so many at the end of His time before the crucifixion. On another level, though, when I look at the sins of my life and reflect on all that I have contributed to the sins of the world for which He died and rose, it doesn't seem like such a stretch that those He loved walked away from Him somewhere along the way. When we are faced with pain and our own failure, we often do our best to avoid dealing with them.

But Jesus shows us a different way. In His death and resurrection, of which Father generously and lovingly invites us to participate, we find new life in Jesus when we embrace our own pain and failure, instead of running away from it. As we endure His process of learning how to die to self, we are changed by His Spirit, and we gradually become more perfectly conformed to the image of Christ. The abundant life that Jesus promises in John 10:10 is only possible for us when we die to self and walk in His new life secured for us by His death and resurrection. As each of us changes individually, we will corporately become His pure and

spotless bride, the Church. As we mature in the process, we will effectively reach the lost, making disciples of all nations, as we reflect the life of Jesus on earth.

### **Responses From You**

From a prayer warrior in southern KY: Praying for you two.

### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Overcomers Group: Thursday, May 8, 2025; Thursday, May 22, 2025

### **Upcoming Ministry Events**

Sexual Integrity Leadership Summit: Portland, OR; May 1-2, 2025 Exhibiting Abba's Delight  
Freedom March Wknd: Portland, OR; Aug 21-24, 2025 Saturday march @ Tom McCall  
Waterfront Park

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselees • Ministry Finances •  
Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being  
served by Abba's Delight ministry's Overcomers group and online lay-counselees • Continued  
freedom to operate ministry in KY. Continued speaking engagements

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***Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25***