



Living In His Great Love

So, they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to bring His disciples' word. And as they went out to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So, they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. (Matthew 28: 8-9)

Easter Sunday was a highly anticipated and widely celebrated when I was a child. My mind is filled with happy memories of Family and Church traditions. On Easter morning, we were awake before dawn, rushing to the window to see the sunrise, in awe, that even the sun worshipped our Risen Lord. We looked forward to arriving at church for Sunrise Service, followed by a country breakfast. Family, friends, visitors from near and far, came to see the Easter Program. The youth presented memorized Easter recitations and scripture passages. The choirs and preachers were incredible, and the congregation worshipped God, always thanking Him for the gift of the risen Savior. There was always a long soul-stirring prayer, lifting high the name of Jesus.

On this Easter, our hearts will continue to be filled with rejoicing and gratefulness. We will worship Jesus and Praise Him for the gift of his great love, the gift of everlasting life, and the gift of salvation. We will thank Him for the gift of His protection, provisions, healing, joy, and peace.

As we celebrate with family and friends this Easter, our hearts give thanks for everyone God has placed in our lives: people who prayed for us and taught us scripture, respect, and manners; people that modeled kindness, hard work, leadership, success, and Christian service. God has been so good to us and brought each of us from a mighty long way.

As Deaconess Servants, we are called and consecrated to pray for others, share scripture, listen to the concerns of the members, and make visits to support those in need. With the spirit of Christ and with a servant's heart, we show compassion to others.

"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
Matthew 20:28

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