

Celebrate

- ❖ Celebrate: 1 to do something special or enjoyable for an important event, occasion, holiday, etc. 2. to praise (someone or something): to say that (someone or something) is great or important
The Britannica Dictionary
- ❖ **What are some of the things required in order to celebrate?**
 - **Belief that something great has or is happening.**
 - This is why the enemy tries to discourage and trap us depression by disconnecting us from God's track record with us – Psa. 103:1-5
 - **Expectation that something great is about to happen**
 - Based on God's track record, we can celebrate knowing that greater is coming – Lam. 3:21-24
 - **Strength and ability to celebrate**
 - We have been both equipped and enabled to celebrate God – Psalm 150
 - Notice that we are told to praise Him both for (reason).... and also with (means)....
➔ In other words, God provides where He guides...
 - You and I have breath to praise the Lord – Psalm 150:6
 - neshâmâh: a puff, that is, wind, angry or vital breath, divine inspiration
Strong's Hebrew and Greek Definitions
 - **Acknowledgement of God who has chosen a great work in and through you**
 - Psalm 139:14
- ❖ Never underestimate the power of celebrating
 - Lack of celebration leads to depression and negativity
 - Lack of celebration leads to confused messages
 - Am I really happy for you or am I jealous of you
 - Am I really appreciative of you or am I unsatisfied with you
 - Your ability to celebrate may indicate your nearness to God – Psa. 16:11
- ❖ You can't wait for everybody to understand your celebration
 - The father of the prodigal son - Luke 15:22-32
 - Michal, David's wife - 2 Sam. 6:14-16
 - The Pharisees w/disciples in Luke 19:38-39
- ❖ 3 times to celebrate right now
 - That God has graced you to see another day – Psa. 118:24
 - That God has promised to meet you regardless of where you are – Psa. 46:1
 - That your faith today in His promises has secured your future manifestation – Dan. 10:12; Hab. 2:3

Passage for thought – Luke 1:39-56

Celebrate Each Step

- ❖ We have to appreciate God in each step of our process
 - David had the Levites offer sacrifices and praise every 6 paces of the process to return the ark – 2 Sam. 6:13; 1 Chr. 15:26

- ❖ We like celebrating the prize but despise the process -
 - We can not despise the process – Zech. 4:10
 - We can't let others minimize what God has done – Ezra 3:12

- ❖ The enemy understands the power of progression
 - Sends discouragement incrementally tied to the progress being made – Neh. 2:19-20; Neh. 4:1, 7; Neh. 6:1-2, 5, 10-14

- ❖ Why are some reasons we should celebrate steps?
 - We are growing through each step – James 1:2-4; Psa. 138:8
 - Because God establishes our steps – Pro. 16:9
 - Because they are ordered by the Lord if I am a good man – Psa. 37:23-24; Psa. 23:3
 - Because they are working for my good despite what it looks like – Rom. 8:28; Jer. 29:11
 - Because God is keeping me along the way – Psa. 40:2
 - Because I am stepping in alignment with what God has promised – Jos. 1:3
 - Because your faith has already informed you of the conclusion of the matter – Zech. 4:1-10; Phil. 1:6; Hab. 2:3