

## KEEP WALKING ALONG AND SINGING YOUR SONG

Scripture: Psalm 148

December 26, 2020

**Message:** I recently read the book [Pete the Cat – I Love My White Shoes](#) to my three-year-old son (it's one of his favorites). Pete has new white shoes and Pete loves them so much that he sings a song about them. But then he steps in strawberries, blueberries and mud. The shoes turn red, blue and brown, and yet Pete was happy throughout the entire book no matter what color his shoes were. At the end, the shoes are white again, and the author says, "The moral of Pete's story is: No matter what you step in, keep walking along and singing your song." Coincidentally, it made me think of this scripture. With Psalm 148 in mind, the moral of Pete's story could easily be changed to: "keep walking along, singing your song and Praising the Lord!"

As other devotions have mentioned, 2020 has been a rough year. Some days have been hard, really hard. But scripture like Psalm 148, and stories like Pete's, remind me to Praise the Lord in all circumstances, at all times.

So... what are you praising God for today?

I praise God for the birth of our Savior, the Son of God, the word made flesh. I praise God for family and friends. I even praise God for technology like zoom and facetime so that I can "see" family, friends, and colleagues with the help of my laptop and wifi. And I praise God for silver linings during difficult times.

I wonder if any of your pandemic experiences have led you to praise God? It took some time to realize, but I now praise God for a new friendship that I would not have discovered without the pandemic. I praise God for extra time with family, for learning new ways of being a servant, and for the opportunity to read books again. I praise God for long evening walks around Buckhannon, while enjoying beautiful scenery, a Mayberry-like community, and enlightening conversations with individuals who are deeply loved by me, but even more beloved as children of God.

I take comfort in remembering that even on bad days, God is not only with us, but God is also providing continual blessings and gifts worthy of praise. Yes, sometimes they are hard to see, but they are always there. Remember: "no matter what you step in, keep walking along, singing your song and Praising the Lord!" Thanks be to God.

**Prayer:** Gracious and Loving God, we give you all praise, all honor and all glory. Thank you for being with us during difficult days and thank you for showing us our blessings even when times are tough. We know you are always there, walking along and singing our songs with us, and we are grateful. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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