

GRATITUDE

Gratitude what a word!

I was grateful I had much to be grateful about a wonderful marriage a wonderful family.....
a wonderful home..... a wonderful everything but me.

I was a failure. Not God's fault not anyone else's fault my fault.....

Grateful for everything but me.....

Depression it gets to be a weird sort of comfortable....

Again and again I pleaded with God..... After all.... how could He love me like this?

I tried and tried almost seemed to make it sometimes.... but always it was there.

I could stand it no longer..... Finally..... a simple prayer of desperation. Either take this away from me
before I go to sleep tonight..... or..... make a way for me. An audacious prayer... not like me at all... how
dare I pray like that!

God made a way! and He keeps on making a way!

He helped me to see that He made me just as I am and that He loves me.... and that He is pleased
with me! He made me this way and He loves me this way!

Oh the gratitude when I realized that!

The scary journey out. Friends and support from unlikely places!

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I had been in that church for many years. Loved helping..... I told them....

Rejection silence..... sitting inside a church yet outside. No longer a part... no longer welcome to
help..... no longer feeling wanted.....

Cold.... alone.... so alone..... was I wrong?

No! God is pleased with me! look further!!!

An urging deep inside.... my own neighbourhood... a little church.... go!!!

I come in....hidden.... just to see....

Oh the warmth!..... Oh the words of love!..... But what would happen if they knew??

I bare my soul....

A cold stormy February day..... the call comes.....

"Rita we love you come as you are!"

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That day turned from dreary and cold to sunny spring in an instant!

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Sitting in my church.... worshipping with my church family..... not an outcast!.... LOVED!!!

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There was a time I thought I was cursed but I was so very wrong.

I am blessed! Blessed to be me just as I am!

I am grateful that God made me just as I am.

I am Rita..... and with a grateful heart I will worship and serve and love along with all of you!

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