Psalms 119:18 (ESV) Open my eyes, that I may behold <u>WONDROUS things out of your law.</u>

Psalms 119:20 (ESV) My soul is consumed with LONGING for your rules at all times.

Psalms 119:20 (MSG) My soul is starved and hungry, ravenous! insatiable for your nourishing commands.

Psalms 119:24 (ESV) Your testimonies are my DELIGHT; they are my counselors.

I love the words associated with God's Word from these verses. Do I start each day with a prayer that my eyes be opened so that I can see the WONDER of God's Word? When I start to read my Bible is it because I have to or because I can't wait to see what God will say to me? Verse 20 makes me wonder if am I consumed with LONGING for God's Word? If I miss spending time alone with God in the Word is there a burning desire to get back to into it again the next day? Do I really feel I have missed out on something special? When I have fasted for a day or two my desire to eat is fairly strong afterwards. Do I have that same kind of appetite for God's Word? Verse 24 reminds us that God's Word is something we should DELIGHT in. We should find joy and satisfaction as we spend time with God in His Word.

PRAYER: Lord, God please help me to see the wonder and the joy of spending time with You in Your Word. Help me to have the Longing and Desire of the Psalmist for Your Word. Help me Enjoy my time with You as I open Your Word.

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