

## **CROW LIKE A ROOSTER**

**By Roy Goodlet**

Philippians 4:4. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Do you say, "Oh yea, I've heard this one many times before. It's a nice thought but not reality."? Or "Yes, I love this verse! I live this verse!"?

You don't have to live on a farm to understand a rooster. In the morning, he gets up on a fence and crows. When he crows, does he do with half a heart? No! He's not designed that way. He stretches out his neck, looks up and crows with everything he has. What is he crowing about? I don't know. Maybe he found a new worm, or maybe he is proud of his flock, but every day he can find something to crow about. What about you and me, Christian? Don't we have numerous things to crow about? If we act like an ostrich with our heads in the dirt we never will crow. We have to lift our heads up high and see all God has given us. We need to look to heaven and crow mightily.

Oh, I'm sure a rooster has bad days, like you and me, but he still finds reason to crow. Christian, look up to heaven, thank God and crow, and not with half a heart. We have a lot of examples of people in the Bible who crowed. Some of the people Jesus healed were told not to tell anyone, but they disobeyed because they felt they had to crow. The Ethiopian Eunuch learned about Jesus from Philip. He asked Philip if he could be baptized, and then the Bible says he left there crowing. Well, it really says he left rejoicing, but that's crowing. When Mary Magdalene saw Jesus resurrected from the dead, she went to others and crowed about what she saw, and eventually they all crowed together.

You may say, "Well, that was during good times." No it wasn't. They were persecuted people. Are you a persecuted person? There are times when you may feel persecuted, but you really aren't. Not when it comes to your faith. Now, I am not so naive to think that we don't have some bad days. I am one of the worse, and this message is as much for me as anyone else. But I want to renew the fact today that you and I as believers have so much to crow about that our necks and throats ought to hurt from overuse.

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