

YOU ARE MY PASSION

THOUGHTS FROM LT-COLONEL ANNE VENABLES

What are you passionate about? If you asked me that question, I would have to say my family and my dog! I care deeply about them. I would do anything for them, and I spend most of my hours either being with or thinking about them. And of course, I am passionate about my faith which has been the foundation for most of my life and the cornerstone upon which I have served in ministry. My faith and trust in Jesus have been vital to how I live my life from day to day.

The definition of passion implies that whatever we are passionate about is all-consuming, and so it makes sense that every action, every word, and every thought would be done with Jesus in mind!

VERSE

*In Jesus I trust, He has all that I need.
From sadness and darkness, my life has been freed.
Whoa yeah! He makes my life whole.
In Jesus I trust, He makes everything new.
I follow His Word 'cause I know that it's true.
Whoa yeah! He makes my life whole.*

CHORUS

*I have a life, a life that is full,
A mind that is clear and a heart that's for all.
I have a way, a way I can go.
Lord, You are my passion and I'll let it show.*

In Dan Elson's song, he states that Jesus is his passion and shares what that means for his life: he is free from sadness and darkness, his life is whole, he follows God's Word, and he has a heart for all.

There's no better example in the Bible of someone with a passion for Jesus than the Apostle Paul. After Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus, his life was changed forever. His passion changed from pursuing those who followed Christ so he could persecute them, to pursuing those who didn't know Christ so that he could share His love with them. His passion for Jesus was all-consuming and affected every thought and action. To the believers in Philippi, he wrote, "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14 NIV)

So, with Paul and with the songwriter, let's make Jesus our passion. Forgetting what is behind, we are free from sadness and darkness, and pressing on with a heart for all, we too can sing, "*He makes my life whole.*"