

December 10th

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

I chose “Little Drummer Boy” for this devotional because it was one of my favorite Christmas songs when I was growing up. To this day, my Mother will tell you that while my Dad was in Vietnam, I started listening to the Ray Conniff version of this song in October and played it over and over and over through Christmas that year.

There are three phrases in this song I would like to call out today. First phrase; “So to honor Him”. The Kings traveled great distances to offer their gifts to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords for one reason and one reason only; to honor Him. There was no posing, no favor seeking motives, no expectations of anything in return. Matthew 2:10 states that when they found Jesus “they were overjoyed” and in verse 11 “they bowed down and worshiped him”. Second phrase; “I played my best for Him”. The young man stepped up! He didn’t shy away from the moment of his encounter with the newborn King. He didn’t attempt to quickly get it over to avoid attention. He set aside all doubt and fear that may have been playing in the back of his mind and simply gave his best. Third phrase; “Then He smiled at me”. I’m sure all of us agree there is something special about the smile of an infant. They make eye contact with you, their face brightens into a smile, and your heart melts! Can you imagine how much more amazing it would be to see the Lord smiling at you? That would be the “well done, good and faithful servant” that we all long to hear.

As the countdown to Christmas continues, it is my prayer that those reading this devotional will take that opportunity to give their best to honor Him. When we find ourselves in that moment, that we won’t let it pass us by, that we won’t let ourselves get caught up in the cares of the world. Rather, that we would enter in with our hearts open and properly aligned with what God has purposed. And in doing so, experience the unspeakable joy which is found when our hearts are set solely on Him.

Matthew 5:8 - Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

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