

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH...PRAISE THE LORD!

Worship! What a great honor and pleasure to worship our Lord and Savior! I'm not a big radio listener. I don't really like a lot of talk and advertisements. I prefer listening to powerful messages that cause my life to change and worship music that places me in the presence of God.

It brings great pleasure to my heart when our grandchildren sing worship or praise songs. One of William's favorites has been "Our God" by Chris Tomlin. He actually has always called this song "None Like You". I like William's title! Connor likes "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul" by Matt Redman and "Whom Shall I Fear" by Chris Tomlin. Bella chimes right in there and tells me that she plays that on her radio in her room. Now, we have McKenna who has become familiar with hearing "Jesus Loves Me" to which she now demands when Noelle sings to her at night. Noelle will be singing several different songs to her then McKenna will take her little hands and place them on Noelle's cheeks and say, "Jesus Loves Me!"

Kristin and I both have a heart for songs that carry heart stirring messages. There is a scripture that I cross-stitched for my mother-in-law many years back. It reads, *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."* (3 John 1:4) This rings true. Our hearts ache when our children are not walking with the Lord as they should but OH the JOY when they trust in the Lord and lean on Him. This is also true with our grandchildren and we keep them in prayer that they will know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

This should also be the cry of our hearts when it comes to the lost in the world. If only they knew the One and True God...the One who can bring total freedom, total peace, and total forgiveness. Those who have had rough life experiences (and we will all have them at some point in life), when touched by the hand of the Father, can now experience a heart of worship when they have come through a storm, had a change in life, and come to know the overwhelming love of a Heavenly Father.

I'm reminded of an elderly man who came forward to participate in a talent show. He was visibly a somewhat frail man, his body and voice shook as he sang. Oh! The powerful message of his song! "The Anchor Holds" (written by Lawrence Chewning). We all saw an aged man worship God through a song reminding us that no matter what storm we have been through or are currently going through...THE ANCHOR HOLDS! Jesus is our anchor. What a testimony! What a word to hold onto. Jesus is strong enough to bring you through.

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