

Bermudian Church of the Brethren

WEDNESDAY'S WORD – a midweek thought from Pastor Larry M. Dentler
to share a word of inspiration ... encouragement ... challenge ... a smile ... in the middle of your week
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The Song

Last Sunday our Bermudian Men's Vocal Group was singing in Celebration Worship and I had a solo part. In a section of my part were a few words that I was having trouble getting just right. The music went higher there and I was having trouble hearing the rise in the music. I found myself singing that part of the song over and over. It was a wonderful song called, "*I Just Came To Talk With You Lord.*" The message of the song is that sometimes it is good to come to the Lord in prayer without our "laundry list" of things we want from God! Just come to be in His presence and to listen!

The particular phrase I was struggling with went like this: "*Maybe tomorrow there'll be trouble and sorrow, And a thousand tear drops may fall, But until I face tomorrow's task, I have no special favor to ask, I just came to talk with you Lord.*"

Around and around it went in my head and on my lips. While I walked the dog ... I sang. While I was getting showered and dressed ... I sang. On Friday Cathy and I were driving to Harrisonburg, VA for **The Brethren Prayer & Worship Summit**. Three hours on the road. It was a beautiful Spring day. I was looking forward to the Summit. I was looking forward to the drive. I sang.

After a while Cathy looked at me and asked, "*Does that song have any other verses?*" Opps! Sorry Cath!

But the moment sure made me think. What "song" am I singing every day as I go thru my routine? When the clerk checks out my order at the store? When I'm pumping gas next to another person at the gas station? At the restaurant! At the office! At the gym! At the golf course! At the grocery store. At the shop! At the farm! On my social media posts! At my kitchen table with my family. What "song" does my world hear me singing? You see, my attitudes, my graciousness (or lack there of), my patience (or impatience), my integrity (or not), my gentle words (or harsh words), my encouraging demeanor (or my vile mood) ...all of these are my "song" that I am singing to my world. And believe me dear friends ... trust me in this ... the world **IS** listening! And your "song" ... can draw others in to "sing" along in praise of the Lord, "*She seems so happy, she is such a blessing, I want to be like her ... I want to know her God!*" OR, it can push others away, "*If that's what a Christian is like ... count me out!*"

"He has given me a new song to sing, of praises to our God. Now many will hear of the glorious things He did for me, and stand in awe before the Lord, and put their trust in Him." Psalm 40:3 LB

So my dear ones ... let's "sing" together of our Lord ... to a listening world!
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