

WHAT'S IN A SONG?

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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Faith is a journey¹. It has a starting point: a full acceptance of God's grace and my need of it². But then the adventure begins. It is learning about his nature and growing in understanding of how he sees me. It is accepting his love and forgiveness and, in turn, having the ability to forgive those close to us, and even those we don't know very well. Faith is seeing the world from God's perspective. ***To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.***

I am not alone on this journey. Family and friends may forsake me. My community may reject me. My colleagues may mock me. I may be the only one in the room, but I am not alone. The One I am wholly bound to is here with me. ***To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead³.***

The journey is not easy. Trials and temptations abound. Memories, secrets, and stories I have told myself still trip me up. But I have been rescued from sin, accepted God's gift of salvation and saved by His pure grace. Not by anything that I have accomplished. Not by status or pedigree. Simply because I am known to him. He knows my name⁴. ***To this I hold: My sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea.***

I have no idea where the journey is leading. But God knows. He is the author of this journey and has invited me on the adventure. I have confidence to follow him. He will lead me to those who need me and those who I will need. All these intersecting paths show me that He loves completely and guides with certainty. ***To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.***

The journey is not endless. Just as there is an entry point, so through perseverance and faith I am headed to the finish line. And when I get there, this life will finally make sense. Then I will be truly HOME. ***When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat "Yet not I but through Christ in me"⁵.***

***With every breath,
I long to follow Jesus
For he has said
that he will bring me home
And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand
With joy before the throne***

1. Hebrews 11:1-3 | 2. Hebrews 11:6 | 3. Psalm 23:4 | 4. Romans 8:14-15 | 5. Galatians 2:20