

The One who always walks with me ~ Midweek Reflection # 39

“Step by step I’ll follow Jesus,
Hour by hour I’m in His care.
Day by day He walks beside me,
through the year I’ll know He’s there.
He can still the mighty tempest,
He can calm the troubled sea.
He the waters trod,
He’s the Son of God.
He’s the One who always walks with me.”

I woke up one day last week with the tune and a few words from a childhood worship song running through my head. Fortunately, my wife Renie knew the words to the song from her own childhood experiences of Sunday School, youth group, or vacation Bible school. Though we pieced it together, I haven’t been able to find it in any old hymnals or chorus books so I can’t give credit to the author. It was another treasured moment of God’s Holy Spirit within reminding me of God’s faithfulness. I had awakened earlier and was restless so I was trying to focus on quiet prayer. waiting and listening to God in the silence of the night. I really believe the chorus was God’s reminder that I was not alone, that my prayer was heard, and that the indwelling Spirit was with me.

“On that day you will know that I [Jesus] am in the Father, and you are in me, and I [Holy Spirit] am in you.” John 14:20

If we take Jesus’ words to His disciples in the Upper Room seriously then what’s really happening is a small group walk, rather than just a pair of us! I just had a flashback to high school and college running days when four of five of us would be out for some distance roadwork. A good memory of companionship and traveling together with a common purpose and shared commitment, though probably not the same kind of conversation that I can imagine having while walking with the Trinity! That’s an image I want to hold on to and use for many more prayer times in coming days. Thank you Lord, for your presence with us and for the gentle reminders of your faithfulness to us.

“Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

~ Isaiah 40:31 NIV

Under God's Mercy,

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