

Today's Devotional is provided by Jason Jedlinski

What Wondrous Love!!!

While walking around my neighborhood on an unseasonably warm afternoon last week, a traditional hymn suddenly came to mind and literally ordered my steps.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.

I sang this and many other sacred songs during my years performing with chamber choirs. But at the time, I only appreciated the expansive phrases and thoughtful harmonies. I never stopped to think through the powerful meaning of the text.

Fortunately, I've enjoyed a spiritual awakening through joining MCCDC. Today, this hymn prompts a meditation on John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

The hymn continues: Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul...



During Revival last September, Rev. Elder Dwayne explored the persona of God as lover of our

souls: "Just as we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; is it possible that God loves us with all of God's heart, all of God's soul, all of God's mind, and all of God's strength?"

Rev. Dwayne recalled God's obsessive love for the lost sheep in Luke 15, reminding us how God could not sleep and searched the wilderness until that lost sheep was found.

“God is madly, outrageously in love with you. The very fact that God created you means that you are absolutely worthy. Not only are you worthy, you are absolutely precious. Not only are you precious, you are absolutely priceless!”

I am so deeply grateful for God's boundless love. I am overwhelmed when I stop and consider the awesome power of God's radically inclusive love for all people, and all that it can accomplish. Especially now, in these difficult times, we must remember that God tells us, “I am your God and I will never give up on you.”

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great “I Am;”
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing.