

Grace Notes: growing our faith through music by Coni Ferland

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I've read the words in red, how You leave the ninety-nine;
to find the one missing, feels like that was written, with me on Your mind.

And the prodigal son who ran, leaving his home behind, The part where the father
came running to meet him, did you say that with me on Your mind?

Refrain:

Who am I that the King of the World would give one single thought about my broken heart?
Who am I that the God of all grace wipes the tears from my face, and says 'Come as you are'?
You paid the price, You took the cross, You did it all with me on Your mind.

Just knowing Your mindful of me; just knowing You call me Your child;
it's flooding my soul with unspeakable hope. Thank You Lord, that it's me on Your mind.

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where the sorrows erased, and when I stand before You I'll find,
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Matthew 18:12-14 Jesus said, "Look at it this way. If someone has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders off, doesn't he leave the ninety-nine and go after the one? And if he finds it, doesn't he make more over it than the ninety-nine who stay put? Your Father in heaven feels the same way. He doesn't want to lose even one of these simple believers." The Living Bible¹

How does it feel to hear Jesus say that you are so valuable to Him, that he will leave all else behind to find you?

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Luke 15:11-20 Then he said, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger said to his father, 'Father, I want right now what's coming to me.' So the father divided the property between them. It wasn't long before the younger son packed his bags and left for a distant country. There, undisciplined and dissipated, he wasted everything he had. After he had gone through all his money, there was a bad famine all through that country and he began to feel it. He signed on with a citizen there who assigned him to his fields to slop the pigs. He was so hungry he would have eaten the corn-cobs in the pig slop, but no one would give him any. That brought him to his senses. He said, 'All those farmhands working for my father sit down to three meals a day, and here I am starving to death. I'm going back to my father. I'll say to him, Father, I've sinned against God, I've sinned before you; I don't deserve to be called your son. Take me on as a hired hand.' He got right up and went home to his father. When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him."

The Message²

Have you ever felt like the prodigal son – so far from home? Recognizing the value of home that perhaps you didn't see when you were there? Describe how that felt/feels. How does the thought that God, our Heavenly Parent, is waiting and watching for you to turn toward home - toward God - feel to you? Why do you feel this way? Does the thought that God's heart is pounding at your return change the way you feel? How?

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Luke 4:18-19 Jesus spoke the words of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach the Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, and to announce that the captive shall be released and the blind shall see, that the down-trodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him."

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Revelation 7:17 *“Because the Lamb who stands at the center of the throne is their shepherd and they are his sheep and he will lead them to the water of life. And God will dry every tear from their eyes.”*
The Voice Bible³

Jesus came to earth because of God’s love for us – every single one of us, regardless of our past, our fears, our doubts, our questions. Jesus came to heal us, to forgive us, bring us back to God. Is it easy for you to believe that God cares enough to reach out to wipe away your tears? To heal your broken heart? Why do you feel this way? If it’s easy for you, take some time to thank God for the blessings you’ve been given. If it’s hard for you to believe this, take some time to share your doubts, your fears with God. God is always ready and willing to listen to you.

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Romans 5:1-2 *“By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us – set us right with him, make us fit for him – we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that’s not all: we throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand – out in the wide open spaces of God’s grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.”*
The Message²

What a concept: *“what God has always wanted to do for us– set us right with him, make us fit for him.”* Spend some time with this idea. Picture God’s door already open to you – right here where you are, right now as you are.

What do the *“wide open spaces of God’s grace and glory”* look like to you? How does it feel to know God wants you *“standing tall”*, not burdened by fears, doubts, but free to ask, and learn, and grow?

How would you praise God for this gift?

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John 14:1-4a Jesus said: *“Don't let this rattle you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I am on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live.”* The Message²

Do you like the idea of Jesus preparing a place for you? Why do you feel that way? Describe how the idea that Jesus has a plan in place for you, that when the time is right Jesus himself will come and bring you home to that place that He prepared just for you, makes you feel.

We've only scratched the surface of the reassurances the Scriptures offer that God has been seeking you, caring for you, loving you, all along. Spend some time with the fact that all along it has been you on God's mind. Cherish it, celebrate it, share it!

“Dear friends, God the Father chose you long ago and knew you would become his children. And the Holy Spirit has been at work in your hearts, cleansing you with the blood of Jesus Christ and making you to please him. May God bless you richly and grant you increasing freedom from all anxiety and fear.”

1 Peter 1:2 The Living Bible¹

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