## Grace Notes: growing our faith through music by Coni Ferland

## <u>Father I Adore You</u> Terry Coelho

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Father, I adore You, lay my life before You; how I love You.

Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You; how I love You.

Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You; how I love You.

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Father, I adore You, lay my life before You; how I love You.

Psalm 40:6 "It isn't sacrifices and offerings that You really want from Your people. Burnt animals bring no special joy to Your heart. But You have accepted the offer of my lifelong service."

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How do you reconcile the Old Testament rules about sacrifices and offerings with Christianity? Does this psalm help you? In what way? What "sacrifice", what part of your life, would you "lay down before" God?

Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You; how I love You.

1 Corinthians 5:14b-15 "Since we believe that Christ died for us, we should also believe that we died to the old life we used to live. He died for all so that all who live – having received eternal life from Him – might live no longer for themselves, to please themselves, but to spend their lives pleasing Christ who died and rose for them."

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Why do you think Paul believes we need to die to "the old life we used to live"? What part of "the old life (you) used to live" does Jesus' sacrifice inspire you to "lay down"? Why this part?

Would you consider this a way of praising or adoring Jesus? In what way(s)?

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Romans 8:12-14 "So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There is nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!"

The Message<sup>2</sup>

What do you think Paul meant by the phrase "this old do-it-yourself life"? Do you live a "do-it-yourself life"? Why do you think Paul calls us to "give it a decent burial and get on with your new life"? Is that something you can do? Describe how you would go about it. The Holy Spirit is beckoning you. What things, what places, might the Holy Spirit be calling you to? How does that feel? Spend some time with this over the week. Can you answer the call?

"God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before Him.
When I got my act together, He gave me a fresh start. Now I'm alert to God's ways; I don't take God for granted. Every day I review the ways He works; I try not to miss a trick. I feel put back together and I'm watching my step. God rewrote the text of my life when I opened the book of my heart to His eyes."

Psalm 18:20-24 The Message<sup>2</sup>

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