

Greetings

Last Sunday I was sitting in church preparing myself to take communion to the sick, when the congregation began to sing "Here I Am, Lord." As I listened to the words of the song and allowed them sweet the words were to me, and the desire was so great to share them with you, my fellow Guild members and friends ... here they are:

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin ... My hand will save. I who made the stars at night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

- R XLEX QSQIRX - VIEPM^IH XLEX [I just that in our thoughts, our words, our actions ... "Here we are Lord, we are here to serve you in this capacity." We are here to serve you in the capacity of sharing the story of Houston Baptist University and all that this University has to offer.

As we have just celebrated the glorious birth of Christ ERH VIEH EFSYX XLI XLVII [MWI QIR [L Him ... to pay homage to Him ... and to tell His story that would last for generations to come ... we, the Christians of today, are the disciples and the wise men ... the ones who God will send and put in the path of those whom He feels are so needing of His light. And our response: "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Another old hymn that comes to mind and I love so dearly is "I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story, of Jesus and His love."

When Jesus called His disciples, they immediately dropped everything and followed Him. I recently read: "We might think the Christian life must have been simpler for them than for us. When Jesus started walking, they fell in line behind Him. As He taught, they heard His voice. By watching His interactions with people, they learned from His example. But how are we to follow Jesus, since He's no longer on earth? We can't touch, see, or hear Him the way they could."

When Christ was about to leave this earth, He promised His disciples that He would send them a Helper who would never leave them. In fact, this Helper would actually live [MXLMR XLIQ .SLR 8SHE] [I JSPPS hearing and heeding His indwelling Holy Spirit ... that's the closest guidance we can ever have.

disciples. He guides us each step of the way and teaches us the truths of God. But His work actually goes beyond XLEX 8LI ,SP] 7TMVMX XVERWJSVQW YW J enables us to serve and obey the Lord. He helps us discover God's will for our lives and then gives us the desire and strength to follow the path He's planned for us. All we have to do is follow. "Here I am Lord!"

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holding God's work and in what I am saying, "Here - EQ OSVH ↑ 8LIVI EVI WS QER] TSWMXMZ SR GEQTYW EX ,SYWXS &ETXMX 9RMZIV are in a position to help Dr. Sloan and his faculty and staff to spread the word of the progress being made every day on this campus. I invite each of you to join me in yielding to His guidance as we share the story of HBU ... and at the same time, we are telling the old, old story of Jesus and His love. %W]SY VIWTSRH EJAVQEXMZIP] ERH [MXL you saying, "Here I am, Lord."

8LERO]SY 0EHMIW SJ 8LI +YMPH JSV] TEWWMSR JSV , &9 ERH 8LI +YMPH WGLSPE more importantly, for serving Christ in this capacity. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve with you.



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