



Heartbeats along the way: The Seeking Heart

Ps 119:10. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

Caesar Augustus was seeking answers to two questions: how many people are under my power; and how much can I tax them for my pleasure. Zechariah, an old priest, was seeking to regain his speech after he distrusted an Angel. The Magi were seeking the answer to an astronomical mystery, based on some ancient writings. Joseph was seeking an answer to how to deal with a young, pregnant, betrothed girl he truly loved, and not bring her to shame. Mary was seeking comfort and answers from an older cousin, Elizabeth, who was amazingly pregnant. The shepherds were seeking the clues that the angels told them would lead to a newborn babe in a cattle shed. God was seeking to fulfill the promise in the scriptures of a Messiah, both kingly and humble.

What do you seek? I trust you are seeking God with your whole being. As we enter 2019, let us covenant together to seek the completion of a years-old dream of a new Worship Center that will introduce other seekers to Christ here in Carlisle, in this land, and to the ends of the World.

I commend to you John Wesley's Covenant Prayer:

"I am no longer my own, but Thine. Put me to whatever You want from me; rank me with whomever You wish. Put me to doing; put me to suffering. Let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You; exalted for You, or laid low for You. Let me be full; let me be empty. Let me have all things; let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O Glorious and Blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. And this covenant that I make on earth, let it be ratified in Heaven. Amen."

Sing like the Angels,

Be amazed like the shepherds.

Smile like Jesus' Mom.

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