

Thought for a Wednesday

July 29, 2009

Today is opening day at historic Saratoga Racetrack. So at 7:00 this morning I met Ed Kowalewski for breakfast track-side to watch the horses warm-up for today's opening events. One word came to mind as I took it all in = **A W E S O M E !!!!!** No really, it was absolutely breathtaking to take in the beauty/expanse of that facility - I walked around with a constant gape in my face as Ed explained unknown details to this green-horn...

I really get in tune with God's Spirit through music, I mean, nothing ushers me into the presence of Christ faster than hearing praise and worship music. A close second to music through nature/beauty - I mean, I'm not trying to say I had an epiphany experience at the race track today, but I am saying that in my heart I was thanking God for His wonderful and awesome creation!

"Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" (Exodus 15:11)

"He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes." (Deuteronomy 10:21)

"How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!" (Psalm 47:2)

My personal conviction is that as followers of Jesus Christ we ought to take every advantage we can to worship God - Including taking in the wonder of His creation. Now, not everything at the racetrack was created by God or for God - But, I came away with the conviction that I need to take every moment I'm given to find ways I can worship the God of the Universe who loves me, has saved me and called me to be His son and servant. Today was a little reminder that I can worship Him in the splendor of His creation even in the midst of an environment that's not dedicated to honoring Christ.

What about you? What is more apt to bring you into the presence of Almighty God faster? Music? Taking in the vistas of the Adirondacks? A beautiful poem? A soul-stirring painting? My hope and prayer is that whatever helps you worship your Heavenly Father, that you'll be sure to "*prime the pump*" this week and worship Him, adore Him and give Him His rightful place in your heart. Then, when you come to one of the weekend celebrations, you'll be hitting the ground running to embrace corporately our mighty and awesome God!

Be Strong, Be Courageous, Be Fearless - and remember...

Christ **IS** All!

Pastor Mark

