

Thought for a Wednesday
September 9, 2009

This morning was the first day of school for most of our children (school age). It's been a tradition in our family that we take a picture of our girls every first day of a new school year. So this morning, I dropped Karen off at work at 6 a.m., got back home in time to make sure everyone was up and moving. I made a pot of coffee, packed some lunches and waited for the girls to come out of their rooms for their annual picture. They talked about how silly it was, I reminded them how important they are to Mom – Enough said, pictures were taken and I might add, three very lovely young women...

But as I drove back home from dropping Karen off at work, I was listen to the radio when an older song by Mercyme came on, "*Here with Me*"

I long for your embrace
Every single day
To meet you in this place
And see you face to face

Will you show me?
Reveal yourself to me
Because of your mercy
I fall down on my knees

And I can feel your presence here with me
Suddenly I'm lost within your beauty
Caught up in the wonder of your touch
Here in this moment I surrender to your
love

You're everywhere I go
I am not alone
You call me as your own
To know you and be known

You are holy

And I fall down on my knees

I can feel your presence here with me
Suddenly I'm lost within your beauty
Caught up in the wonder of your touch
Here in this moment I surrender to your
love

I surrender to your grace
I surrender to the one who took my place

I can feel your presence here with me
Suddenly I'm lost within your beauty
Caught up in the wonder of your touch
Here in this moment I surrender:

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As I listened to that song on the way home, I have to admit to tears welling in my eyes as I realized that's the prayer I desire most for my children – That they learn and long to embrace Jesus Christ and surrender to His love and plan for their lives...

So, my prayer my family as well as for you, my church family, is that you would long for His embrace and be so caught up in the wonder of His touch, that in that moment you will surrender to His love...

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

Christ **IS** All!

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