

**A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM**

~Other Speakers G-L: Allan Halton:

The other day my youngest grandson and his mother dropped in for a visit. The two of them walked over after kindergarten, and as soon as they arrived, my grandson showed me something he had found along the way.

It was a flat rock about the size of an Oreo cookie, and he gave it to me to hold in my hand. I looked at it, and turned it over. It was somewhat heart shaped. Someone had painted a face on it with red and blue colours — eyes, a nose, a smiling mouth. I smiled, too, and opened my mouth to offer my explanation of where this rock had come from — he had found it on the pavement near the kindergarten — when my little grandson intercepted my words before they had a chance to get out.

“God dropped it down for me, Grandpa. It’s a present for me from God.”

I was convicted in a moment. So much for the obvious explanation my own mind had formed and was ready to set forth for his enlightenment. We adult types are good at getting things all figured out.

My grandson looked at me and nodded as I handed his rock back to him. “I believe in Him, Grandpa.”

I nodded, too, and sang my grandson a little song I’ve loved for years.

Praise the Name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus...  
He’s my Rock, He’s my fortress,  
He’s my deliverer, in whom I will trust...  
Praise the Name of Jesus...

...I believe in Him, too, Cole. God sent down a Rock for me, too. And I pray that till my dying day and beyond, He will preserve in me that same childlike sense of wonder. Let me enter the kingdom of God as the little child.

And I pray that you, too, Cole, as you grow, will never lose a child’s believing heart, and sense of wonder.

For, this God that you believe in, and I believe in, is a God of wonder. His very name is Wonder-ful (Isaiah 9.6). And so this whole universe He created — the things unseen and seen, things visible and things invisible — is a universe full of wonder. He “doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number” (Job 9.10).

And of all those wonders, the purpose of God in it all: the wonder of wonders: His purpose in man, that eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord... oh, the wonder of it all!