

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Wednesday

Luke 15:3-7 – Footnote 3¹

I still remember the night that this dispensing began in me. I was just a seven year old little boy in Brooklyn New York on Friday July 13th. This little boy received God's dispensing for the first time. My older sister was almost 17 and was preparing a Sunday school lesson. We grew up in the Brethren denomination and my sister loved the Lord very much and started serving the Lord as a young teenager. She was teaching a group of 8 year old girls and was preparing her lesson Friday evening. I happened to be in the same room because we lived in a small apartment where the dining room and living room area were in the same room. As she was preparing on the dining room table I was watching my favourite TV show in the living room area. At 8:15 when there was a commercial break I went to the kitchen to get something to eat. As I passed by I saw that my sister was preparing something. I asked her, "What are you doing?" She had some cutouts for a flannel graph. It had little pictures. The kids today don't know what that is; today they would only know PowerPoint. That interested me and then she told me a story about a man who had 100 sheep. You know this story, but remember that I was 7 years old. Then he lost one of the sheep! She had a picture of a flock of sheep and another of a man who she said was a shepherd because he was holding a stick. Then there was one sheep that was away from the rest. She moved the man over saying he found the sheep. Then she took off that picture of the shepherd and put on another one with the sheep on the man's shoulders. She asked me, "Do you know who the lost sheep is?" I said, "No." She said, "It is you." I said, "Really?" Then she said, "You know the picture of the man holding the sheep? That's what Jesus was doing on the cross. He was holding all the sheep, bringing them home." I think that at that instant, even before I prayed a few minutes later, I got saved because the love of the Lord just flooded this little boy. At that moment I knew the love of God. Then she took all the pictures off the flannel graph and replaced them with a heart with a door. When you opened the door there was a little man inside. Then she used a verse from Revelation chapter 3 which says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone opens the door I will come into him and feast with him and he with Me." Then she asked me, "Would you like to open your heart to the Lord?" I said, "Yes." We went to her room and knelt down and this little boy got saved. That was my first experience of dispensing. It surely was a sweet dispensing. Even though it was so many years ago I remember those details like it was last night. It was more than 50 years ago. The dispensing was so sweet.