

SERIES – THE POWER OF A SONG V

Lingering With the Lord, 8/16/26

John 20:1-18

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Verse 1

*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God
discloses.*

- The verse refers to hearing the voice of the Lord, like Mary Magdalene did outside the tomb when he spoke her name. He never forgets our name.

Refrain

*He walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am
his own – and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other
has ever known.*

- How often do you think of the Lord during a typical day?
How frequently do you talk to him? Do you imagine that
he is right there walking with you or sitting with you?

Verse 2

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds
hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within
my heart is ringing.*

- The Lord speaks to us in many ways – through impressions
and thoughts; through other people and circumstances;
through the Bible and spiritual writings.

Verse 3

*I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be
falling, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice
to me is calling.*

- As Christians we all have a calling to be a light of love to
the world by showing kindness, compassion, and empathy.

*Commit to being a light in the world each morning as you go
out to do whatever your day has in store for you.*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.