

Jingle Bells

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Recently, while shopping, I came across a pleasant small child seated in the bottom of a shopping cart, singing so sweetly, “jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, hey!” She never sang any other part of the song, just, “jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, hey!” While her mother pushed the cart, shopped and occasionally dropped items into the cart, sometimes into the little girl’s lap, the little girl continued, singing, “jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, hey!” As they crisscrossed back and forth across the aisles, I could hear, “jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, hey!” throughout the store. She was totally oblivious to any of her surroundings, but was focused on enjoying singing, “jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, hey!”

Are we as focused on Christ, as that little girl was on her song? Are we letting nothing take our eyes off Him hour after hour, day after day, as that little girl was with her song, aisle after aisle? As we enter into this Advent season, we are reminded that we have hope. We have hope because we stay focused on Him and see Him at work in this world. We enjoy and are blessed to be able to join Him in His work in our daily lives. And as Christians, we enjoy the opportunity to join Him in encouraging others to become His disciple too.

Thought to ponder: Where is our focus as we ride in the “shopping cart of life?”

In Isaiah it is noted that this is what the Lord says, “Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed.” (*Isaiah 49:23b*)

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for the musings of a small child that helps to remind us to stay focused on You. We know that through no other way, is there hope. Hope for us and hope for those with whom we share Your love. Guide us forward, Lord, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.