

Fate or Faith?

The refrain of a catchy popular song in the 1950's went like this: "Que sera sera, Whatever will be will be. The future's not ours to see, Que sera sera." It seems to say we can't control what happens to us, so we might as well relax and "go with the flow." Fate, in other words. It's true that, ultimately, we can't control our lives, but if we trust in the One who is in control, our sovereign heavenly Father, we can have hope instead of despair.

Fate and faith are similar in one respect. Both require that we give up trying to control our lives. When we trust fate, we feel overwhelmed and "just hope" everything will turn out okay. True faith, on the other hand, is a sure hope, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). The writer continues in Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

I'm reminded of two verses of a hymn by Louisa M.R. Stead:
*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*

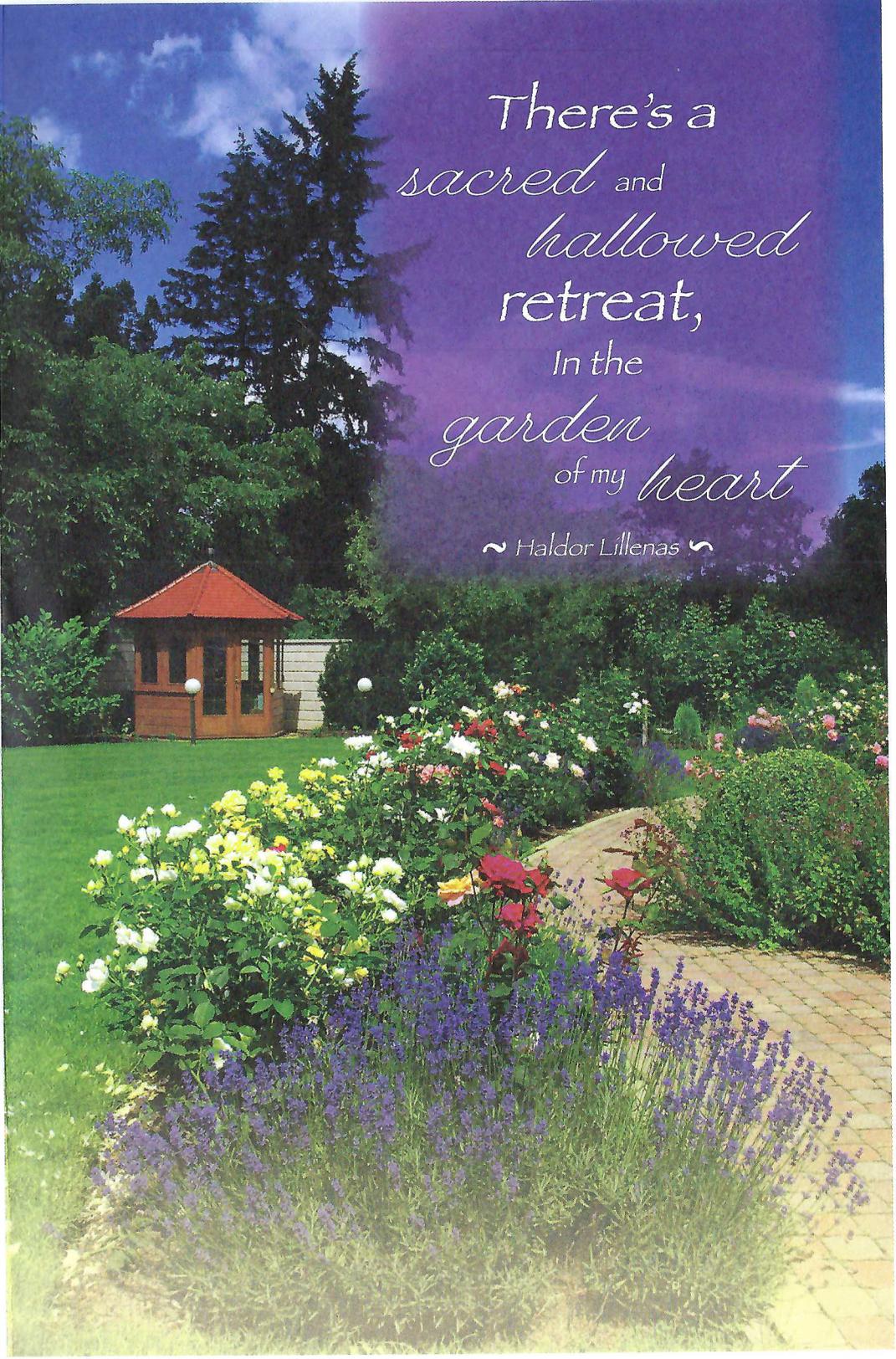
*I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,
And I know that He is with me, He'll be with me to the end.*

The first step to trusting in the Lord for daily guidance in our lives is to trust Him for the salvation of our souls. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). When we receive His gift of salvation, we receive assurance and hope of daily guidance and eternal life.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Romans 15:13).

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There's a
sacred and
hallowed
retreat,
In the
garden
of my *heart*

~ Haldor Lillenas ~



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Call to Worship

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #56 To God be the Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 105 We Will Glorify

Hymn #106 Worthy, You are Worthy

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Sermon: "He Knows Your Name"

Reverend Don Mauldin

Scripture Matthew 7:11

Hymn of Benediction

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Covenant News

This month's Covenant Ministry is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

We'll Get Through This

Lord, our troubles Are so great,
We don't know what to do;
The price for our iniquity
Is finally coming due.

The world is crumbling all about;
No safe place can be found.
Right is wrong, wrong is right;
The change is quite profound.

Lord, we need Your guiding light
To lead us out of here;
We'll focus on Your Word, and prayer,
To take away our fear.

Temptations of this dying world
We'll rule out and let go;
Give our burdens all to you,
Shed all worldly woe.

That's how we'll get through this, Lord,
Fixed on heaven above,
Assured of your protection, help,
And everlasting love.

By Joanna Fuchs