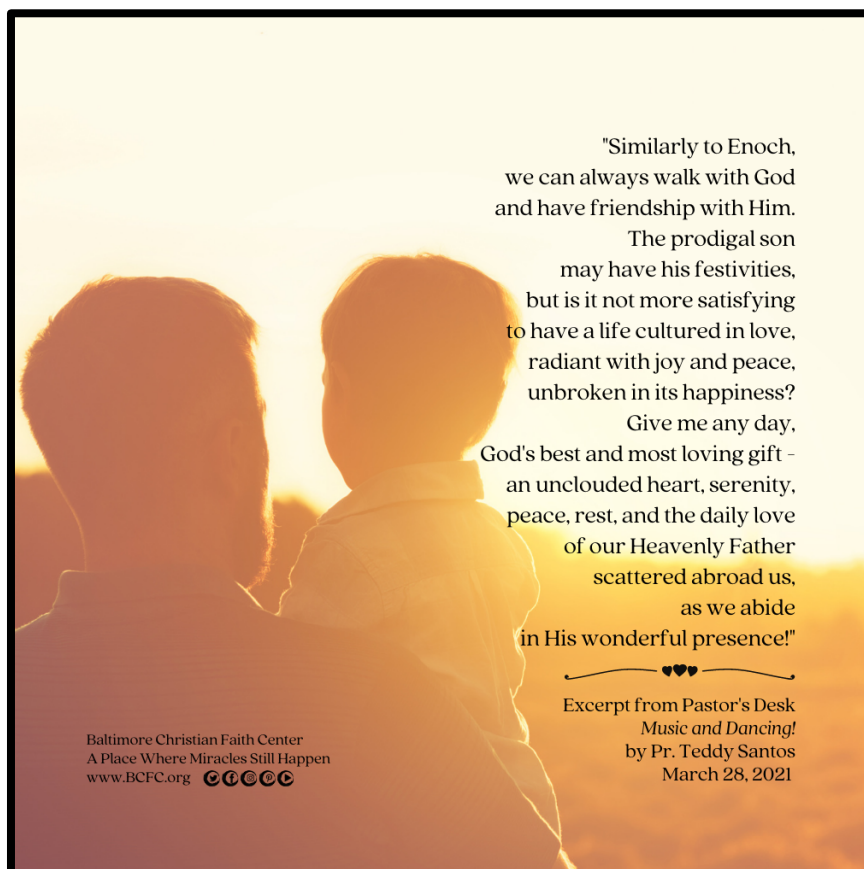


MUSIC AND DANCING!

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Luke 15:25-28 *"Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing."*

The older brother heard tones of melody and dancing as he drew near the house - a reflection from the heart of the Master and Father. Every home is more or less attuned to the spirit of those who are inhabiting it. There is a quick warning here for us not to carry our anxieties and disturbances home, lest we lower and flatten the tone of everyone in our family circle!

The Father's rejoicing at the return of his younger son was deeply irresistible. But should there not have been a similar outbreak of joy in respect to the older brother? For not coming back, but that he had never gone wandering? Not that he was a forgiven squanderer, but that he had never violated at any time his father's orders! Yet no fatted calf was

butchered in his honor; no song and dancing celebrated his dedication to home! Was this entirely fair?

But there were rewards! *'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.'* (verse 31) Equally, as mentioned in Romans 8:17: *"and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..."*

All things are ours in Him! Similarly to Enoch, we can always walk with God and have friendship with Him. The prodigal son may have his festivities, but is it not more satisfying to have a life cultured in love, radiant with joy and peace, unbroken in its happiness? Give me any day God's best and most loving gift - an unclouded heart, serenity, peace, rest, and the daily love of our Heavenly Father scattered abroad us, as we abide in His wonderful presence!

At His service,
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