

## Faith Life Weekly 11/16/07

### **Thoughts:**

As I head North of Grand Island the road eventually winds into this town where there is a billboard sign that says, "Jesus, I trust you". On one of my backpacking treks with friend Will we struggled to get to the top of a ridge. When we reached the summit there were three crosses there. This week there has been quite a flap about "Praying" - just "Praying" for rain in Georgia. And man did it get the media going. Apparently the atheists took up a protest. To me that is the exact antithesis to their sentiment. They say they don't believe in God. They don't believe. So why are they protesting "Prayer", religion, or a belief in God in the first place? By doing this they suggest at least a hint that there is a God. Anyway - I often wonder if I am so bold as to prop a cross up on a ridge, or blatantly state my beliefs. In the case of Georgia, those poor people need our prayers. Even our Native American brothers and sisters have a rain dance, a ceremony, a prayer for rain. In the Old Testament even the prophets of Baal whipped up frenzy to their God for rain. Elijah's' God, Our God came to the rescue of the people. God won the day. Pray with me that we may have "Faith so as to remove mountains"... as the apostle speaks in I Corinthians 13. Friends, some days don't you wish you had that kind of faith?

### **Song:**

Jeremy Camp has a song entitled, "I Still Believe." Let me share the words with you now:

Better yet listen to a sample at: <http://music.yahoo.com/Jeremy-Camp/I-Still-Believe/lyrics/25261552>

Or even better yet watch a video and the song at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNqw2ssYXC8>

### **Here's the background to the song.**

Camp grew up in a Christian atmosphere, as Jeremy's father, Thomas Owen Camp, married to Terri Camp, is pastor at Harvest Chapel in [Lafayette, Indiana](#). His youngest brother was born with [Down syndrome](#). Camp has been married twice. His first wife, Melissa, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and died in 2001, when he was 23 and she was 21. Some of his early songs reflect the emotional ordeal of her illness. "I Still Believe" was the first song he wrote after her death. He wrote "Walk by Faith" during their honeymoon. In December of 2003, he married [Adrienne Liesching](#), former frontwoman for [The Benjamin Gate](#). They have two daughters: Isabella Rose Camp (born [September 25, 2004](#)) and Arianne Mae Camp (born [April 5, 2006](#)).

### **"I Still Believe"**

Scattered words and empty thoughts  
seem to pour from my heart  
I've never felt so torn before  
seems I don't know where to start  
but it's now that I feel Your grace falls like rain  
from every fingertip, washing away my pain

*[Chorus:]*

I still believe in Your faithfulness  
I still believe in Your truth  
I still believe in Your holy word  
even when I don't see, I still believe

Though the questions still fog up my mind  
with promises I still seem to bear  
even when answers slowly unwind  
it's my heart I see You prepare

but its now that I feel Your grace fall like rain  
from every finger tip, washing away my pain

*[Chorus]*

The only place I can go is into your arms  
where I throw to you my feeble prayers  
in brokenness I can see that this was your will for me  
Help me to know You are near

*[Thanks to Maria (modelmaria@earthlink.net) for these lyrics]*

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**Prayer reflection:**

Peace, brother and sister. Peace to you this day. Pray for "Faith so as to remove mountains". Pray for the faith that plants crosses and adorns billboards. Pray for a faith that will challenge even the hardest atheist. Pray for rain, certainly. Know that God will, God will answer. P.R.

**upcoming events at St. Pauls**

Don't miss the musical celebration this Sunday at 7:00 pm

Also Thanksgiving Eve worship and pie fest at 7:00 Wednesday, Nov. 21, If your last name begins with A-N please bring a pie cut into 6 pieces.