



I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

(Singing chorus of "I Love To Tell The Story")

Susie: I love this song. Don't you, Norma?

Norma: I do, too. I think everyone likes these old gospel songs. There is something so comforting about them.

Susie: That's true, but there is a part that isn't so comforting to me.

Norma: What' that, Susie?

Susie: Well, as much as I like to sing the song, I don't really love to tell the story like the song says. I like the idea of loving to tell the story, but I don't really do it.

Norma: Ouch! I'm afraid I know exactly what you mean. It's the dreaded "E" word.

Susie: "E" word?

Norma: You know, Evangelism. I'm just so unsure of what to say or how to say it.

Susie: I'm with you there. Story? What story? All I can say is I've been a Christian all my life, baptized as a baby, church member forever. It's not like I was brought to my knees on the road to Damascus and had a vision of Jesus. Now Paul, he had a story to tell.

Norma: Or like if we saw our brother rise from the grave. That would be a story to tell. I wonder if Mary and Martha ever had trouble getting people to believe that really happened.

Susie: I never thought of that. Maybe it would be as hard to share a miraculous story as it is to share my ordinary story.

Norma: But our stories are no less miraculous than Paul's or Mary's and Martha's. Our miracles may not be as visually amazing, but they are miracles.

Susie: I hadn't really thought of it that way -- God loving me so much to send his Son, Jesus loving me so much to die on the cross for my sins, and the Holy Spirit loving me so much He worked and continues to work faith in my heart. It is a miracle.

Norma: That reminds me of another song I love to sing, Susie. Do you know, “How Great Thou Art”?

Susie: I sure do. (*Starts to sing song*)

Norma: It’s the third verse that really “tells our story,” Susie.

(*Sing third verse of song.*)

Susie: You know, Norma, we do have a story to tell. It is a simple story but one I could tell people.

Norma: And, besides, there is nothing wrong with sharing our story through music. The words and music touch people’s hearts in a special way.

All Sing: “I Love To Tell The Story”

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