

Donna's Devotional

A Child's Faith

. . .And a little child shall lead them. Is. 11:6

I want to share a conversation God brought into my life this week. I believe it is one of those precious jewels He gives us along the way. Tuesday before we got on the plane to come back to Michigan, I prayed that God would give me someone to talk to about my Lord. When Eric suggested that I sit by a girl who was traveling alone, I was a little surprised. I later found that was the meeting God had arranged.

We struck up a conversation right away. She seemed to feel relieved when I told her I taught school for many years. This nine year old girl, Autumn, from Surprise, Arizona was traveling to see her mother who she had not seen since she was six. Her grandmother had moved her to an Aunt's home because there were "so many killings" where they lived in Illinois.

I was reading a book about prayer when Autumn asked me if I was reading the Bible. I explained it was a book about the Bible. She asked if I could help her with something. She began quoting John 3:16 and wondered if I knew where it was found. She continued to quote other verses for me to identify. In her childlike way she was witnessing to me.

She told me a secret about her money for the trip. She had earned one dollar. Her Sunday School teacher had given her twenty dollars and others at her church had given her twelve dollars. Now she could take her mother out to eat and still have a little spending money.

Before our time together had ended, Autumn asked me if I could change one thing in the world, what would it be? She wanted to tell me that if she could change one thing, she would have Jesus in person on earth today because He would make everything right. He would stop people from doing terrible things to each other.

In the simple words of this child I saw faith in Jesus that is more profound than the faith of many of adults.