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GRACE NOTES RADIO PROGRAM

THEME: My heart- Christ's home

TITLE: Is your heart a home for Jesus? The Work Room

**SONG: God's Gonna Do
Shine the LIGHT**

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. We trust you are enjoying this series entitled 'My heart, Christ's home', from the book by that name written by Robert Boyd Munger in 1936 and are putting yourself in the writer's position. So far, we've taken our Savior into several rooms of our 'heart' house – the study and the dining room. We've identified the material we watch and read in the Study and revealed what our appetites and desires truly are in the Dining Room. In the dining room, Jesus would not partake of the fare set before him because it was self-centered and did not become a Believer. Perhaps this is true of us. Be sure to be introspective as we visit these rooms. On this program, we're moving into the Workroom where we will review how we are using our talents and skills.

Yes, I admit, I had to do some serious reflecting on my appetites and desires in the Dining Room. I believe right motives play a big part in what we desire to achieve. We need to put God first and seek to do things that produce Kingdom results in all we put our hand to.

And really, why wouldn't we want to be part of what God's gonna do?

***** **WRITER: The Martins**
***** God's gonna do *** LENGTH: 3:05**

Chorus

***God's gonna do what He's gonna do
He's always up to something new
And you never know just who He's gonna use
So when He calls your name my friend
Find your place and jump right in
If you want to be in on what God's gonna do.***

Repeat Chorus

VERSE 1

***If God has a boat that He needs building
or a sea to be dry land,***

*if He need someone to walk through the fire
or heal a crippled man,
He will find one willing and ready to obey.
If you're the one He's called on,
well, just let Him have His way.*

Repeat Chorus

VERSE 2

*God doesn't always call the equipped
But he will equip the called.
He knows everything that we need
To make sense of it all
He'll work through our weakness,
when we depend upon His word,
'cause if He says to do it,
we have His full support.*

Repeat Chorus

*If you want to be in on
What God's gonna do.
Do you want to be in on what
what God's gonna do?
Well, I want to be in
on what God's gonna do.
Do you want to be in on what
what God's gonna do?
Yeah.
Oh yeah.*

**Can't wait to move on to the next room and see how God is
Going to refine us there.**

Mr. Boyd writes...

**Before long He asked, "Do you have a workroom in your
house?"**

**Out in the garage of the home of my heart I had a workbench
and some equipment, but I was not doing much with it. Once in
a while I would play around at making a few little gadgets, but
I wasn't producing anything substantial.**

I took Him out there.

**He looked over the workbench and the few talents and skills I
had. He said, "This is fairly well furnished. What are you
producing with your life for the Kingdom of God?" He looked at
one or two of the little toys that I had thrown together on the
bench and He held one up to me. "Is this the sort of thing you
are doing for others in your Christian life?"**

I felt terrible! "Lord, that's the best I can do. I know it isn't much. I'm ashamed to say that with my awkwardness and limited ability, I don't think I'll ever do much more."

"Would you like to do better?", He asked.

"You know I would! I replied.

"Well, first remember what I taught you: 'Apart from Me you can do nothing' (John 15:5)

"come, relax in Me and let My Spirit work through you. I know you are unskilled, clumsy and awkward, but the Spirit is the Master worker. If He controls your heart and your hands, He will work through you. Now turn around." Then putting His great strong arms around me and His hands under mine, He picked up the tools and began to work through me. "Relax, you are still too tense. Let go – let Me do the work!"

It amazes me what His skilled hands can do through mine if I only trust Him and let Him have His way. I am very far from satisfied with the product that is being turned out. I still get in His way at times. There's much more that I need to learn. But I do know that whatever has been produced for God has been through Him and through the power of His Spirit in me.

Don't be discouraged because you cannot do much for God. It's not our ability but our availability that's important. Give what you ARE to Christ. Be sensitive and responsive to what He wants to do. Trust Him. He will surprise you with what He can do through you.

So ends the reading for this room.

The question is 'What is important to us?'. If the desires and appetites we uncovered in the Dining Room are truly secular than we're not putting Jesus first, and therefore not making time for Him. We shouldn't fill our schedule up so much that there is no time to say 'yes' to an opportunity to serve.

Our job as a Believer is to Glorify God. Pray for God to use you and look for opportunities to serve – even in areas that are unfamiliar to you.

Romans 12:6-8 states...

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is

to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

2 Corinthians 9:8 says...

God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Be willing for your schedule to be interrupted with Divine appointments.

I remember hearing a radio program that talked about a couple who felt they wanted to become missionaries but they were so far in debt they couldn't make it happen. We need to watch out that we don't get overcome by our possessions so that we can't say 'yes' to God's call.

ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

People often ask how I got started writing poetry. The answer is - someone challenged me to. Here's how the story goes.

The Christian ensemble I sang with toured every summer. On one of our extended tours, the director said he wanted to create a daily gazette to help us remember the experience. He asked someone to write an article on the events of the day, and another person to prepare a devotional. Then he pointed to me and said, "Write a poem."

The many hours spent on the bus gave me time to commune with the Lord. This truly prepared me to minister. I saw God's incredible faithfulness in so many ways; allowing me to sing when there seemed to be nothing left, and waking me refreshed with only a few hours sleep. Because of this, 'God's Faithfulness' was the first of the poems I wrote on that trip. The group members seemed to enjoy them so I continued.

Had I not taken the challenge, which I believe was God ordained, I never would have found such an incredible avenue in which to express my love for and to God. This unearthed skill allowed me to write 'My Journey to Joy', a book of over 60 Scripture based poems plus devotional thoughts which God has used to encourage many.

Is there something God has challenged you to do, that you haven't tried? Don't miss out on the blessing you'll receive and don't keep others from receiving one from you. Use your

talents to bring the LIGHT of Jesus to the world.

***** WRITER: Babbie Mason
*** SHINE THE LIGHT *** LENGTH: 3:58

*In the parking lot of the coffee shop
Just the other day
She smiled and she said, "Well I'm doin' okay"
But I felt her pain
I took her hand in mind
Said, "It's gonna work out fine"
But as she turned I wondered
Did I just hand her a line*

*What she needed most was a word of hope
And a prayer or two
A little more time and a timely word
Could have pulled her through
So I think of her
And I wonder too
Is anybody hurting
And sitting right next to you*

*Shine the light, share the faith
Show the world that Jesus is the answer
That Jesus is the way
Together we can make a difference
Be a beacon in the dark of night
Share your faith
Hold it high
Shine the light*

*Anywhere you go, any country road
Or city street
Any lonely life, a hurting heart
Somebody in need
They all ask one thing
Where is love and truth
But if you know Jesus
Then you know what to do*

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***Share your faith
Hold it high
Shine the light***

***Let your light so shine
So everybody will see Jesus
Let your light so shine
To glorify your Father in Heaven***

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