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ABBA, FATHER !

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Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day. Ps 71:8 NKJV

Have you heard about the preacher who named one shoe 'Glory!' and the other shoe 'Hallelujah!' so that every where he went, it was 'Glory, hallelujah! glory, hallelujah!'?

I learned a great, simple thing this morning. As I run each morning with Rex the worship dog, I praise ABBA our heavenly Father, as in 'ABBA, I thank You, ABBA, I love You!' over and over through the hour run up McCully Mountain and back. Some times when I am preaching, I'll do a 'sheep check' with the audience, just for fun, having them 'baaaa!' like a sheep. This always is received well by everyone except a few religious sheep. Well, I realized this AM that 'baaaa...' is just a shortened form of ABBA, the Hebrew word for Father! (try it...and put the inflection on the 'ba'!). Jesus was perfectly accurate when He described His people as being like sheep, who praise their Creator with every expression that comes out of their mouths. AB-BAAAAA!

Love you guys! KRP

- Kevin Porter