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I'm awoken with the Lord giving me a short story.

Long ago when men of courage, strength and integrity guarded, and protected kingdoms lived a young knight name Nip.

Nip was the smallest of knights, He was named, Nip because he was so small that his father named him after the tip of his quill pen. Nip's father, Talons, was part of the Royal Guard and due to this Nip automatically got to be a knight when he was old enough.

Nip was a knight but never got to go on a quest because he was just a nip of a person. Nip was strong, courageous and his integrity was unmatched. God had given him such a heart because he was one of God's sons. But to the eye of man he was small and so they assumed he would not be able to do the job.

Nip never let this bother him he knew who he was and that his worth was found in the King of KINGS.

Nip busied himself each day with fulfilling the needs of the people. When the ox cart of Mr. O'Reilly got stuck in a ditch Nip lifted the cart and got it unstuck. When 5-year-old Jason fell into the well fetching water for his mother, Nip climbed down the well rope and carried Jason up and returned him to his mother. And just the other day-old Mrs. Ferguson broke her leg Nip prayed for her and her leg was healed and as good as new.

And then there was fair Fiona, the Kings daughter, she saw Nip every day and heard from the villagers frequently how Nip hand done this or that. Fiona thought Nip to be kind, thinking of others before himself, brave for sure, strong indeed but what Fiona liked most about Nip was his smile. No matter what he did or what was said to him Nip always smiled.

One day when Nip was on guard duty, guarding the kings flower garden, Fiona asked Nip why he was always so happy. Nip told her about the truth of the KING and about the KING's son Jesus. That day Fiona learned she was double royal and now she had an older brother named Jesus. The smile she always saw on Nips face now reflected on her own.

Just as they finished talking Talons, Nips father, walked up to advise Nip that the king requested that Nip go with Talons and his men on the next quest. As Talons and Nip walked to the stables to get their horses Talons told Nip about the quest they were going on. That women and children were captured in the eastern part of the kingdom and were being held at the old Castle Eden ruins. Talons and Nip mounted their horses and joined the others to ride to Eden Castle to set the captives free.

As they rode their horses Talons was uncomfortable seeing his son riding his huge Clydesdale horse. Why had Nip ever picked out that huge horse he never understood. It made Nip look even smaller on that huge animal. Oh, how Talons worried that his son would never amount to much and the only work he would ever be assigned was to guard flowers, FLOWERS.

As they came closer to Eden Castle, they saw that the old castle had been rebuilt and the walls that had been torn down were not fortified and strong. Talons ordered the men to circle the castle and find the weak spot. When the men returned Talons discovered that men could not find any weak spots which to breach.

Nip said, "Father I know how we can get in". Talons looked at his son annoyed and responded, "not now!"

Nip waited a few minutes, lowered his voice and tried to make it sound more forceful and said, "Captain Talons, I have an idea how to get in". Talons looked in the direction of the voice and when Nip went to speak, his father said, "This is your first quest, you have no experience, just stay quiet and learn".

Nip stood there for awhile and listen to the men talk about how they couldn't get in, then left. Mounting his horse Beast, Nip galloped straight toward the wall. Talons and the other men turned to see who was riding hard and saw Nip on top of Beast. Talons said, "he's going to get himself killed". As Beast got closer to the wall Nip stood on his back with his lariat poised to lasso something.

Talons looked perplexed at his son but then one of his men said look while pointing to the small window high in the wall which was more of a peep hole then a window. As it became clear to Talons what Nip was doing Talons gave the order to mount up and ride to the gate.

Nip approached the wall standing steady and firm on the wide back of Beast his Clydesdale horse. Nip threw his lariat and got the little bar at the bottom of the peep hole and climbed up the rope and into the peep hole. Nip easily wiggled through the peep hole.

Once inside Nip was able to creep his way through the gate rail without being see because he was so small. As he approached the gate, he found the pen trigger which was a small pen, but it had a big job it controlled the release lever. Nip took out his small sword and struck the pen with a mighty force and the pen that held the release lever broke in two, sending the draw bridge down and letting the other knights in.

Nip watched the knights flood into the castle from his above vantage point he could see the fight commence below and saw his father Talons jump off his horse with a sword in each hand. Nip was amazed at how his father could fight with two swords at the same time. His father alone got over half the bad guys. Wow, his father was amazing.

Suddenly, Nip heard voices down the hall call for his help, he ran down the corridor to find the door to the where the prisoners were being held and open the door and set the captives free; leading them all to safety.

On the ride back to Castle Zion, Nip spoke to his father about how amazed he was to see him use two swords at the same time so skillfully. His father grinned and only said, "that's how I got the name Talons". Nip was perplexed "Talons Father, I don't understand". "Yes son, like an eagle who can catch his prey one in each talon or hand". Nips eyes brightened with knowing. He had often liked watching birds hunt.

Upon the return to Castle Zion, Captain Talons gave a full report to the king about the quest in the presence of his men. Once the report was finished the King had one question which was for Nip. "Nip how did you know you would be able to get up to the hole, go through it, lower the bridge and set the captives free?"

Nip responded with a smile on his face and said, "The KING of Kings gave me the plan, so I knew it would succeed". The king smiled a knowing smile and dismissed the knights to go home to their families. As all the knights left Nip was left standing in the Kings chamber. The king saw him there alone and gestured with his hand for Nip to come closer. The king then asked, "Why are you still here?" Nip replied "I do not have a family of my own yet. I am waiting for the KING of Kings to show me who I am to marry. The King responded, "that is the best way".

Then the King said something that made his heart jump, "Would you like to join my family, we are about to eat?" Nip felt his heart quicken at the thought of possibly seeing fair Fiona again and eating at the Kings table.

As they entered the dinning hall, the room looked like a huge banquet or party was taking place and there were so many people. The King aske Nip to sit on his right side between him and Fiona. Nips eyes widen as he looked upon fair Fiona as he seated himself beside her. He couldn't help taking in all her beauty.

As they ate the meal Nip asked the King it looks like a big celebration, are you celebrating something today? The King smiled with a twinkle in his eye and said, "I will be announcing a royal wedding for Fiona today". Nip's heart gripped in his chest with the pains of sadness. Then the King proceeded to speak quietly for his words were only for the two of them.

"My daughter has been telling me for a couple of years about your strength of character and most recently about you introducing her to my Father, who else would be a better husband for her. Do you agree?" Nips words stumbled, "Wh, wh, well, yes sir."

The End.