

The Touch of the Master's Hand

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin, but held it up with a smile. "What am I bidden, good folks", he cried, "Who'll start the bidding for me?" "A dollar, a dollar. Then two! Only two? Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

"Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice; going for three..." But, no, from the room, far back, a grey-haired man came forward and picked up the bow; then wiping the dust from the old violin, and tightening up the loosened strings, he played a melody, pure and sweet, as a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low, Said: "What am I bid for this old violin?" And held it up with the bow. "A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?" "Two thousand! And who'll make it three? Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice, and going and gone", said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried, "We do not quite understand. What changed its' worth?" Swift came the reply: "The Touch of the Masters Hand." And many a man with life out of tune and battered and scarred with sin, is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd much like the old violin

A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine, a game -- and he travels on. He is "going" once, and "going" twice, he's "going" and almost "gone." But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd never can quite understand, the worth of a soul and the change that is wrought By the Touch of the Master's Hand."

~Myra Brooks Welch

Mike learned this word for word and would share it any chance he got!



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MIKE HAIGH

October 24, 1947 - September 10, 2026



"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12 NIV

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

John 14:6 NIV

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9 NIV



Order of Service

Prelude	Jakeb Hurley
Pastoral Welcome	Ryan Laden
Congressional Hymn	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Scripture Reading	John Ward
Personal Reflections	Family Members
Grandchildren's Memories	
Message	Greg Wallace
Special Music	Jakeb Hurley
Closing Remarks	Ryan Laden

Pallbearers

Bob Luper	Jim Cooper
Charlie Beckman	Ken Suttterfield
Mike Armstrong	Craig Brown

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Mike graduated from Stuttgart High School in 1965 and from the University of Arkansas in 1969 with a degree in accounting. As a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity, he made many wonderful college memories, but the greatest was meeting and marrying the love of his life. Mike and Linda married at the age of 20 on January 27, 1968.

After graduation, Mike worked at a local accounting firm before starting his own firm, Lloyd, Haigh, Brock & Co. The firm was later acquired by Deloitte, where he served as managing partner until retiring in 2005. After retirement, Mike became the volunteer Executive Pastor at Cornerstone Bible Fellowship, where he had served as an elder since its inception in 1983. He remained on staff for 11 years.

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Mike's family was his greatest earthly priority. He and Linda shared a love that was an example of true commitment to their children and others, and they served the Lord together faithfully. Despite long hours at work and other responsibilities, he was an amazing dad and grandpa. He coached little league baseball and softball, attended dance recitals, choir concerts, and sporting events, took kids boating and fishing, played games, watched movies, and spent time around the dinner table. He loved taking his family to Sanibel Island, Florida, their favorite vacation spot for over 40 years. Mike also dreamed of visiting every Major League Baseball park in the United States, a goal he was thankful to accomplish.

While Mike's earthly accomplishments were many, it is what God accomplished within him that is most important. Mike became a Christian at age 28, and everything he did from that point forward was done to bring honor and glory to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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