

# Hello Travellers

## **Sacred Waste**

*During harvest time, three of the thirty chief men came down to David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.*

*At the time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistines garrison was at Bethlehem. David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" So the three mighty men broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David,*

*But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the Lord. "Far be it from me, O Lord, to do this!" he said. "Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?"*

*And David would not drink it. **2 Samuel 23:13-17***

Sometimes, the journey is more sacred than the end result. But, oh how I still get so caught up in worrying about how things will turn out...

Will I be successful in my ventures?

Will my children walk with God?

If I just pray hard enough...!

If only I achieve this, I will have made it! And yet...

I think God is far more interested in the process than the end result and our job is to be faithful in what God has called us to and leave the end result to Him. Anything less is controlling.

If we can do that, it's NEVER a failure....even if life doesn't turn out like we expected. Even if our kids make different choices than we want them to or our prayers feel unanswered or we don't reach the goal we set for ourselves. If we've been obedient (as best we can) on this pilgrim's journey, what we see as a waste, is, in God's eyes, Sacred.

A Sacred Waste.

## **NEW CD PRICING!!**

As of today, I'm dropping the price of ALL my CDs, including the new CD (see below)!

So the new CD pricing will be \$14.99 each and Listen To The Sound will be priced at \$9.99 each. Digital downloads will also be available on my site immediately as well as other great sites like itunes, CDbaby, Amazon, etc.. (as of May 10th)

**NEW CD - "Songs Of The Journey - The Story Goes On"**



This last fall, I went back into the studio to record my seventh full length project. There were a lot of "firsts" with this project... a studio I'd never worked in before here in Montreal, co-producing with my son Jordan Klassen, using amazing new musicians and stylistically, a little more new folk and a little less ambient Celtic. And what a GREAT experience it was!! I discovered a whole new world of musicians here in Montreal and worked in a awesome studio called Mixdown Productions with Chris Miles. If your a musician looking for a great producer, tech, drummer, etc., I recommend Chris and his studio highly! It was so good for me to stretch out of the paradigm of music that has become "comfortable" for me. I'm not saying I've changed my direction musically, but this project is more....intimate and acoustic. There's very little ambient pads and more of the real deal....Cello, Stand Up Bass, Violin, Whistles and Percussion and these lend themselves beautifully to the new tunes. And finally, working with my very talented son Jordan was a highlight. He not only contributed as producer, but wrote 3 of the tunes and played many of the instruments. It's extraordinary to be able to build memories like this with your kids and with the exception of a few facebook mishaps (NEVER leave yourself signed in to facebook with your kids around!!), we got along famously!!

*Especially for you...*

The street date of the new CD is May 10, 2011, BUT because you are part of my newsletter group, you can go online and purchase the now **BEFORE it's in stores!** Just put the word **STORY** into the customer comment box and I will mail your CD out pronto! So you will get the CDs before anybody at the NEW PRICE! How exciting is that!! And for those of you who have tired eyes and find the script in the CD jacket too small, you can download the lyrics and credits as a pdf file of my website at [www.liannaklassen.com](http://www.liannaklassen.com).

*Newsletter Free CD Pack and Facebook*

Congratulations to Carolyn Goossen of Kitchener, Ontario for being the latest winner of the Free CD Pack.

If you are on Facebook, you can sign up on my fanpage at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lianna-Klassen/34198283870> and I will be drawing twice more on facebook before the street date of May 10th, 2011. Go for it!!

*Schedule for 2011*

There's plans in the works to come out to BC and Alberta for a couple of CD Release concerts in fall. As well, I'm hoping to do a CD release here in Montreal. If any of you are interested in my coming to your area or church, please contact me at [www.liannaklassen.com](http://www.liannaklassen.com) It's always a privilege for me to work in Canada and I'd love to connect with you. I'm also hoping to be back in Germany in 2012 and I'll keep you posted!

### *And Finally...*

I want to thank each one of you that has emailed me, or phoned or encouraged me along the way with your words. You are more of a blessing to me than you know! Even your being part of this newsletter group is an encouragement to me. I hope the new CD is a blessing to you and drop me a line anytime.

I leave you with the chorus lyrics from "The Traveller's Song" (#2 on the new CD)

*East and West the wind it blows  
Where I go I do not know...  
But hope will guide this wondering soul  
Up I Go!!*

### *Blessings*

Lianna