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“ANNUAL FATHER’S DAY”

NOTHING BETWEEN

Words and music by Charles A. Tindley, 1951-1933

“If your hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him” (1 John 3:31, 22)

Born to slave parents and separated from them when only five years of age, Charles Tindley was a most remarkable individual. He learned to read and write on his own at the age of 17, attended night school, completed seminary training through correspondence, and was ordained to the Methodist ministry. While attending school, young Tindley supported himself as the janitor of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. In 1902, Charles Tindley was called to pastor this prestigious church where he had once been the janitor. The Calvary Methodist Church prospered greatly under his leadership. Eventually several larger sanctuaries had to be built to accommodate the crowds of all races that came to hear this humble preacher. In 1924, in spite of Tindley’s protests, the new church building was renamed the Tindley Temple Methodist Church.

Charles Tindley expresses a concern in this hymn for many of the practices and attitudes that must be rejected if Christians are to be pleasing to their Lord. The hymn reminds us that we must watch out for those allurements and temptations that can easily disrupt our spiritual courses. “Delusive dreams, sinful worldly pleasures, habits, pride, self or friends.” The Bible teaches that we are not to be confronted to this world but should know the transforming power of a spiritually renewed mind (Romans 12:1, 2).

♪ Nothing between my soul and the Savior, naught of this world’s delusive dream: I have renounced all sinful pleasure – Jesus is mine! There’s nothing between. ♪

♪ Nothing between, like worldly pleasures! Habits of life, tho harmless they seem, must not my heart from Him, ever sever – He is my all! There’s nothing between. ♪

♪ Nothing between, like pride or station: Self or friends shall not intervene; tho it may cost me much tribulation, I am resolved! There’s nothing between. ♪

♪ Nothing between e’en many hard trials, tho the whole world against me convene; watching with prayer and much self-denial – Triumph at last, with nothing between! ♪

♪♪CHORUS: Nothing between my soul and the Savior, so that His blessed face may be seen. Nothing preventing the least of His favor: Keep the way clear! Let nothing between. AMEN.

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— Kenneth W. Osbeck

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

