

# Monday Musings...

## Be Discerning

*From the pen of Dr. Vic Emerson*

I first read this story in 1993 in Leadership Journal. If memory serves it was from World War II. Many if not most of you have probably heard it (it was so popular that the Gaither Vocal Band recorded a song based on it – you can listen to it on youtube following this link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CqKMWQu9YaQ>). The message seems more appropriate today than ever. As the story goes . . .

The captain of the ship looked into the dark night and saw faint lights in the distance. Immediately he told his signalman to send a message: “Alter your course 10 degrees south.”

- Promptly a return message was received: “Alter your course 10 degrees north.”
- The captain was angered; his command had been ignored. So he sent a second message: “Alter you course 10 degrees south – I am the captain!”
- Soon another message was received: “Alter you course 10 degrees north – I am seaman third class Jones.”
- Immediately the captain sent a third message, knowing the fear it would cause: “Alter your course 10 degrees south – I am a battleship.”
- Then came the reply: “Alter your course 10 degrees north – I am a lighthouse.”

In the midst of these very challenging, chaotic, coronavirus days, all kinds of voices are shouting orders in the night...telling us what to do, where to go, how to alter our lives, etc. Our times are uncertain, and unprecedented. We aren't certain what direction our lives or society should take right now. Yet out of the darkness of confusion and chaos one Voice signals a path of calm and safety...we need to *hear* His voice and *heed* His voice (*discernment*) – He is the light of the world (**John 8:12**) “**Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life,**” and He is our Lighthouse.

Be blessed

