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YEAR 2014 **WINTER PARABLES IN LIFE**

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THIS POST IS WHY I'm keeping records:

An amazing parable I'd completely forgotten that God guided me to write:

November 7, 2014 at 9:44am ·

A new friend had just moved to the DC area from a desert state. She expressed deep disappointment as we gathered for a church Bible Study right after a light rainstorm: Everyone was exclaiming, "Oh, did you see that GORGEOUS rainbow on the way here?!" **She said "I didn't see it. I've seen pictures, but I've never seen a real rainbow."**.... Yet she of course knew rainbows exist. Is it not ASTOUNDING?: Technology has shown us microbiology critters & astronomy galaxies that once no one believed existed...

Yet so many humans still declare "I won't believe in a God unless I see him."...

So many wonderfully intelligent dogs if they could speak, could say "I won't believe in rainbows just because you say they're real." But being color blind does not make the color stop existing. And being blind to God....

Daniel 12:4 prophecy.... In the end times, God will cause our Knowledge to increase. But He still will not take away His gift of free will to IGNORE all the Evidences of Him. Computers linked by the internet, and media like Facebook, are all

Daniel 12: 4 style expanding technology that can be used
to spread God's Truth thru His world!

January 1, 2014 at 11:28am ·

100s of people, like me, drove many miles to go to a 3 hour Watch Night, service>> We ended up rejoicing in worship & singing together (not a "show") & praying yet another hour past midnight. Five full journal pages later, it was so exciting to record a fraction of the Pastor's VISION for God's church at here- full of prayers for Ephesians 3:20 empowering from God, NOT just for blessings but for God's Glory (as Pastor declared)! - verse 21.

.....Goal #1: "A church filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit so that people can experience the reality of God for themselves - a consistent awareness & dependence on God." Which requires-- a church people who fervently & humbly pray for God's help. Music concerts are fun, but 4 hours of praising God among 1,000 people who love Him is such deep Joy.

.....It was a bit sad as the last guitar and sax notes played, and the drummer hit that last crash. But another comfort is knowing: **When we ask Him, God guides us to places where we can rejoice worshipping Him! May God richly bless your New Year, my friends and future-friends:)**

January 2, 2014 at 3:08pm ·

Some book titles just 'grab ya'. My favorite is "**I Want a Life With No Problems.**" AMEN to that; if only we could make it a new year's resolution to keep!

Another is "10 Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe" by Larry Osborne, no relation:) DUMB THING #2 = God doesn't have **Divine Amnesia** or expect the same of us re hurts. "God's call to forgive doesn't mean we have to go through life as a punching bag. It doesn't mean we can't speak up. It doesn't mean rolling over... Instead, **it turns vengeance over to God...**" (pg 33). And in forgiveness that quits "rehearsing" any wrongs done against us, we have True peace!

And "Vengeance" isn't angry punishment; it's forewarned-in-love-by-God... 'Natural Consequences' often being the result that's unpleasant... as loving parents often let their children suffer after the children refuse to quit rebelling against rules and-- more important -- against trusting that their Parents Know Better.

January 3, 2014 at 9:46am ·

Usually the birds hide in bushes & trees until I close the deck door after tossing out seed. In today's sub-sub-freezing wind & snow, even timid sparrows were so hungry that they flew to get my gifts so quickly that I accidentally bounced seed off one's wing.

Sorta like our natural tendency to wait before timidly coming for God's blessings... unless we're desperately in need & decide to 'risk' coming nearer to Him. James 4:7-8, God's Promised Protection & Care. Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly to the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

January 5, 2014 at 7:06am ·

Weary & rushing in bitter wind yesterday, a dime fell out of my pocket. As I watched it roll down sidewalk, I thought **"Is it really worth chasing after?"**

Woke up thinking of that. Even as a child, I knew how precious a bit of hamburger was & wondered ... Why WOULDN'T someone go look for his 100th sheep? (Luke 15, Matthew 18). Today's example: Jesus would do/ did anything to save you. **EVEN THOUGH you're not worth a dime or even a nickel to other people.**

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Monday, January 6, 2014 at 9:42am EST

The TARGET store credit card breach is intriguing-- like **one more piece in an enormous jigsaw puzzle**. Our fears of identity theft are setting the stage for wanting someone to give us a Security System... like Revelation 13's "safe" buying power number system would provide.

Many of us love puzzles, & the Bible gives us 100s of pieces that are fitting together- showing more & more of the final picture: **Like the Gospel news of God yearning to save each person (FIRST John 3:16 also) being the end pieces-** a bit easier to see.... telling us how God set the stage with Jesus paying the price for our sins... Old Testament prophecies are **fitting into the center** together with the New, more & more: Isaiah 42 & 53, Isaiah 9:6 declaration that Jesus is God just as Jesus said (John 10:30 etc). Ezekiel 38+39 >> Rev 20; ... Jesus's clear descriptions in Matthew 24 of days much like now... ..

****NOT TO BE ALARMIST**** - it's just INTRIGUING for puzzle lovers who love Jesus (John 14-17), who trust God's proven Love: God's Bible pieces easily are fitting into our 2014 Media News reports. When we TRUST God, it's Fascinating to watch How God is working through all His many prophecies to start making the complete picture more and more clear.... Only 10 years after "smart phones" in almost everyone's hands WILL make it easy for people around the world to watch the two prophets' bodies after they are murdered... Revelation 11:9, "...peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies 3-1/2 days...."

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January 10, 2014 ·

On this date when I was in 7th grade (Nope, not saying how long ago!), my grandmother gave Dad \$\$ to take me to a store & buy a Kimball piano. It had been used in their studio to teach students & still teaches. On that January 10th, I never would have dreamed how God would use that oh-so-expensive gift to me literally through the World (internet's World Wide Web). Praying Ephesians 3:20-21, that God's gift continues bringing songs of peace & comfort thru His World.

January 18, 2014 at 8:42pm ·

HUMOR

I know that sneezing is a Designed way to keep stuff like black pepper out of your lungs.. but when a sneeze is so hard that you knock 1/2 can of peas onto the kitchen floor, it's rather miffing.

Yet.. all those little green peas rolling across the floor Was rather funny- especially when the cat starting chasing them and batting at peas like hockey pucks! James 1:2-- spilled peas + a sneeze =

another practice in God's Joy of learning Patience:)

January 22, 2014 at 2:00pm ·

As snow blasts down- covering birdseed already thrown out for them- I'm perplexed.... in a quandary. Birds are desperately digging. I have more seed in closet. Should I throw out more, or save it in case we are too snowbound to go out and buy more tomorrow?

As we see people in need, many of us are in a quandary. There's growing desperation in this economy. We help some. Do we do more now, we ask, or does God want us to conserve for future helping? Hard Q. Praying for James 1:5 wisdom. Again. AND God answers.... a different way for different people....respecting us as individuals.

January 24, 2014 at 3:02pm ·

No matter our thoughts on individual topics, we must stay alert. Social media helps. I still remember surprise to learn that govt officials aren't all honest- as a teen watching "**Mr. Smith Goes To Washington**":} **I thought it was all fiction.**

Yesterday's small font newspaper TODAY IN HISTORY clip: '5 years ago today' [exact anniversary of Roe v Wade], our American government quietly made a change to allow funding **international** organizations that provide abortion services.

Did that "make news"? Not much if so.

January 27, 2014 at 5:02pm ·

The snows go on. The cold goes on. The news media keeps blasting bad news. Our problems seem to go on.....

- (1) "We expect our lives to be happy, trouble free, and victorious. We forget that victories come ONLY after we fight battles." -Cecil Murphey.
- (2, regarding Esther 4:14b) Your current situation may be God's secret weapon to accomplish great things.. If we're teachable, we become divine instruments in the world." -Don Piper, Heaven Is Real, p179.
- (3) "In ALL these things, we are MORE than CONQUERORS thru Him who loved us." -GOD, Romans 8:37.

Encouraging words for many of our days & weeks.

January 28, 2014 at 11:40am ·

"We're not designed for retirement."

I expected radio speaker to continue by saying how it's healthier to keep working. Instead he pointed out that God gave Adam the HONOR of working to name 1000s of animals.

That God guided the prayer of Psalm 20:4, "May God grant you according to your heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose."

Jesus's command to all us in Matthew 28:19 won't expire at age 62.. or 92.

Retirement to change jobs doesn't mean 100% Life of Self--- just more hours for joy in worshiping and in serving LORD God.

January 31, 2014 at 8:13am ·

Pink snowscape early this AM. "Red Sky in morning, Sailors take warning." Considering the weather "prophet" told me Tuesday I'd be safe with a coming dusting- but **3" snow hit our roads-** I'd better **watch the sky more than media** on tonight's return drive from DC area. Don't remember many Sunday School lessons from elementary school, but was intrigued that Jesus taught about weather: Matthew 16:2-3 "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times." Both parts of Jesus's message still true: {

February 2, 2014 at 6:55am ·

Yesterday's AP Business reported China stock market downsizing & a US town's 'small' investor whining that he's fighting urge to sell, but "I've lost, maybe \$50,000 in the past week." *Not MY def of 'small'....* **Regardless, he's quite *wrong*.**

..... **Until he "cashes in" he's lost nothing.** The number on reports changes daily, but **only the number on Sell-out Day is the actual VALUE.**

Romans 7 & 8 = We sin & rise & sin & rise, day by day until we die.

..... **But only when we "cash in" this body in death** does is our number 0 or 1 (false or true, your computer's 2 code numbers) determined:**

ON that day the number is decided: Were we trusting and striving earnestly to obey Jesus as our LORD the son of God Who rose from the dead (Romans 10:9) and when we die will forgive our falls if we humbly and sorrowfully ask?

-- If a 1 (true), then we have cashed out of Earth with an astounding Treasure: God's presence in Heaven.

Jesus Weeps for Each who CHOOSEs number 0 (reject Him; see end of Matthew 23, the loving & protecting Mother Hen verse).

BUT -- **UNLIKE in the stock market, our actual VALUE has already been set:**

* Jesus **values you so much He died on a cross to give you the ability to choose**

Him as the 1 way to God/Heaven - quite LOGICAL since He Himself IS God (John 10:30). AND.... Once we have accepted Jesus's gift of Salvation, we ARE saved... Jesus will NOT reject us..... 2nd Timothy 2:13, He is FAITHFUL even when we're not, when we've chosen to stay stuck in the Romans 7 Sinning Loop...

February 6, 2014 at 10:20am · This AM I re-pinned Pinterest photo of girl writing out music on the beach sand by her guitar. Reminded of words much needed this week, formed into music in COMBINATORIC WAVES PEACE: "Peace I give..." Jesus said in John 14:27. "Not as the world gives do I give peace. Do not let your heart be troubled. Do not fear, for I AM here with you.. Combine me with your life, & I bring peace: COMBINATORIC PEACE for you in the Crash of Life."
... AUDIO LINK (free): **COMBINATORIC WAVES PEACE** **Music Sheets & Lyrics**
<https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php>

February 9, 2014 at 7:13am ·

My cat has a new game: When I'm not watching, **Lea** gets right in front of my feet so I step on her tail. Besides not wanting to hurt her, it's disconcerting to be barefooted, feeling like I stepped on a little **snake**. Never mind that there are no snakes in my hallway.... I pray:}

.... This AM, remembered cool info about society when Jesus lived on Earth:

Students of priests TRIED to walk so close to their teacher that mud from the teacher's sandal would flip upward and dirty the hems of their clothing. They'd rejoice in dirt showing their devotion.

Gives new light to James 1:2.. We Can Rejoice when we get mud because we are walking so closely with Jesus.

February 15, 2014 at 12:42pm ·

Finished 3 hrs emptying 2 vans (both packed to live in overnite when traveling) so they can be towed: Both hit by 80-foot tree that fell in snowstorm. Lotta time, \$\$, loss. YET: How can I complain to the LORD Who has gifted us with so many blessings? Including:

The last time I had to clean out a totaled car, it was full of my daughter's blood.

How can I complain to our God **Who saved her----** and brought more life? God IS good THRU all, IN all. Not a cliché. Psalm 71: Refuge in storms.

God amazed us on the "Day of The Tornado" a dozen years earlier in SO many ways, and now we're seeing yet another NEW Tale of God's Goodness being built...

2nd Corinthians 1:4, God "comforts us in all our tribulation, **that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble**, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

February 21, 2014 at 9:41am ·

The TV reporter asked driver standing outside a somewhat crunched car stuck among all those others ~the Pennsylvania Turnpike in that huge snowstorm,

"How do you feel?" (Dontcha love such Qs in News?:)

Driver said "This has been the Winter From Hell."

I empathize.

And smiled at comparing hell fire to snowstorms.

Yet as a radio teacher said same day, **if we *really* believed Jesus's words about hell** (real, with people gnashing teeth, Matthew 8:12; 13:42-50; Luke 10:10-18; John 10:10)... **we'd gladly trade 1 minute in hell with 10,000 years of what we'd called hell on earth.**

February 24, 2015 at 6:01pm ·

I've NEVER before seen a robin on my worm-free deck: Til today. The ground everywhere is not just snow covered-- An ice layer is on top. Guess robins that can't peck thru ice came over for seeds. Maybe the South was so cold that they thought their compass was wrong & returned north too soon :) ...

Thru miracles & thru people, God provides for sparrows & robins-- & us. EXCITING reminder from Psalm 147, inspired by God "Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain <and snow!> for the earth... He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry."

_____ **How can we NOT be excited about our LORD** who says like in Luke 12, "Do not fear therefore; you are of **more value than many sparrows.**" And many *robins*.

February 26, 2014 at 9:58am ·

Cardinals & chickadees & finches & sparrows so intently eating seed in falling snow, they don't notice snow sticking to their tails. After a bit, the birds 'shudder' it off... & resume eating. Such a joy to watch.

Then I remember: God made us in HIS image, like Him in our joys.

So if God too loves watching His wonderful creations,
why does RELIGION say **"Animals cannot be in heaven"**?

I've searched... can't find that 'rule' in God's Bible. That's just another **"TRADITION OF MEN"** as Jesus called ANY "rules" not in the actual Torah (what we call the Old Testament).

Psalm 148 --- all creation praises God. SO why would God reject them from heaven? Psalm 84:3 about sparrows having homes IS Followed by verse 4 about **Dwelling** with God [Heaven] !

Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 9:48am · From "Learn useless German"'s photo.

I love words & neologisms -- even Create some of my own for songs like "**Hebetudinicity**" (I'm the only name GOOGLE Search brings up!); and song "**Will You Be Telemachan?**" (history) --

So I love this photo that asks: Why Germans don't play Scrabble?" The photo shows a Store with its name above the front door in all capital letters, FUSSBODENSCHLEIFMASCHINEVERLEIH. (The answer was "Well they DO, but it's a rather high-scoring game!")

BOTH SONGS can be found on my website at these LINKS:
Humor song "**Hebetudinicity**" (with FOUR basses playing) **SONGS 2013**
"**Will You Be Telemachan?**" **SONGS 2008-2012**
<https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2013.php>

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March 3, 2014 at 7:32am ·

My November resolution to not complain about winter this year is getting a workout; I've failed a few times... more if you count when I said "I'm not complaining" with a long sigh:} Luke 21:11 & 25-26 seem more scary-closer after a winter like this.

Yet (yet): Philippians 4:13... I can do all things through Jesus Christ, Who strengthens me- and all who ask.

Even while waiting for the ice storm to yet again fell trees and leave us powerless, **of the infinitely less important kind of Power.**

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March 4, 2014 at 8:37am ·

Early AM, I wearily stumbled toward the main room with containers of seed to toss out for birds who weren't waiting for "Dawn's Early Light."

Wasn't easy, with my cat circling my feet and chirping out her pathetic meows.

Finally I had pity, went to her dish- but found my husband had filled it the nite before. What joy to realize: **She didn't want anything FROM me but to be WITH me!** May we give our ever-blessing LORD God the same Joy in far more of our prayers.

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March 5, 2014 at 10:28am ·

Ravens & redwing blackbirds come to feeding deck. I don't mind-- if they stay peaceful. But when they chase off sparrows & doves, I clap my hands from laptop station by window. Small birds seem to know they're safe: quickly return or never fly off.

Have been thinking re church history concept "Replacement Theology"- That says God replaced His Favor for Jews to now be only for Christians... **Just because Jesus in Mercy 'let Gentiles feed'** (Mark 7:28 & Matt 15:27 between Feeding miracles in Jewish region, then Gentile area). Churches better teach Romans 9,10,11 right: 'God has not cast away His people'. **Lest God 'clap' against false teachers.**

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March 6, 2014 at 12:28pm ·

Power outages along the East Coast did bring interesting stories with the snowstorms. My favorite TRUE story: A friend stayed in house holding one end of huge extension cord while her husband took other end outdoors. After he started the generator out there, he called to her to try plugging in a lamp. She did.. and **ALL lights in house AND in entire neighborhood came on at that very moment.**

At first, in surprise, they wondered if they fixed EVERYONE's lights!
We laugh at the coincidence... Yet don't we often think we've accomplished something by ourselves-- forgetting that not so long ago, we had prayed to ask God's help?

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March 7, 2014 at 3:02pm ·

At least 100 robins were in field by church today. Evenly spaced, a few square feet each, independently hopping & eating. **When a noise startled, each rose silently, flew its own way.**

But SPARROWS.... I've noticed sparrows stay close to each other while eating. When a noise startles one, it **chirps a warning to the others** & they fly off toward the same trees.

Guess which best describes the kind of flock God wants His Churches to be? Hebrews 10:25; Ecclesiastes 4:8(robins) --"There is one alone, without companion: " versus Eccl. 4: 9-12 (sparrows). "Two *are* better than one, ... For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up.... 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. God says "Come together- Help each other."

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Sunday, March 8, 2014 at 11:13am

6 years ago yesterday was also a Friday.. drenching noon storm. On this anniversary weekend, I've been thinking a lot on a Q I used to ponder about so much.

Luke 23:9, Herod was excited when Jesus was brought to Him; he wanted to see "some miracle" and to ask lots of Qs. But Jesus "answered him nothing."

I used to think, why did Jesus not use this opportunity to talk with the head political leader? Experiences in life bring us to a deeper understanding of God's Word, with His James 1:5 promised wisdom.

Like the 400 yrs of God's Silence after Book of Malachi: **If people won't listen, why keep talking?**

Silence also fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 53:7, for the suffering Messiah: "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth."

March 13, 2014 at 5:12pm ·

It happened again: I reached to pet my cat, & a spark of static electricity **zapped** her nose. She grumpily stayed, forgiving, so I reached out to really show love this time. & AGAIN I zapped her. [Note to self: Touch lamp before computer.] She ran, **and now will probably hide til tonite**. Have you ever noticed that?-- We think we're saying/ doing something to help someone feel better & somehow it does opposite. When I meet people I knew years ago, I sometimes wonder as I say Hi, **"Was I nice?"**

Please accept my sincere apologies if I wasn't...

March 13, 2014 · March 2014 · at 6:17pm EDT - Scripture about ABORTION and NATURE WORSHIP and IDOLS WORSHIP

An intriguing verse in Jeremiah 2: Reference to "Mother Earth" and Nature worship - "... saying to a tree, 'You are my father,' and to a stone, 'You gave birth to me.' (27). A ****scary**** verse suddenly "found" in Jeremiah 2:34, "...on your skirts is found The blood of the lives of the poor innocents. I have not found it by secret search" [that is, it's known to all]. Verse 35, people 'explaining' reason & saying 'I have not sinned', expecting God to sympathize."

March 17, 2014 at 11:49am ·

6 AM, I got 2 text messages, 2 minutes apart.

One: my husband's workplace closed today for Snow Emergency.
Other: employees should report at 10 AM.

Which to believe?- the popular County-wide Reporting system?

No -- obviously the one sent by his workplace.

This AM I read article by famous writer of 30 books saying "The angels say, 'Your loved ones in Heaven are with...'"

Which to believe?- happy words that 'everyone gets to heaven' and 'pray to your angels'? **Or the Creator of ALL writers & angels**, Who declares we shall NOT WORSHIP angels.. that Jesus is ONLY mediator between us and God (Colossians 2:18; 1 Tim 2:5).

LOGIC believes Authority.

God gives **choice** (Deut. 30:19).. God WANTS us to choose LIFE: 1 Timothy 2:4!

March 18, 2014 at 6:55pm ·

I keep TV volume very low, but commercials still come in blasting; Companies want to be sure we hear them if we go to kitchen.

Sometimes I wish God would do that-- **get louder, warning me** as I drift further from Him, James 4:8.

But mostly I'm thankful that He respects our personhood and gives us freedom, **choice** to not listen... and **joy beyond imagination when we do.**

March 23, 2014 at 9:53pm ·

My mom *never* said today's common line '*use your indoor voice*'. She's always been a lovely, petite, quiet woman who looked at us with respectful authority. And when we kids defied her doing something Wrong that **made her angry, she spoke even more quietly.. scary quietly.** We learned her authority was loving but powerful. A good parable to 1st Kings 19:11-13. **God doesn't have to shout Truth thru whirlwinds & earthquakes & fires.** A still small voice is enough for God with His Authority.

March 24, 2014 at 9:26am ·

This AM I was not very pleasant. My fingers were freezing as I fumbled trying to do something outdoors... come on, ya have to admit that 26 degrees near March's end understandably receives a gripe session?! As I muttered to myself, 'I HATE cold!' (over & over) I suddenly stopped mid-mutter with the thought:

Suppose I hated 'little' things that God hates, with the same passion?

Little white lies, gossip (even if true), impatience in lines (as if I'm more important & should be first).. Last sins list in Bible- Revelation 22:15.... We call some normal. Including loving lies, loving \$ & Stuff.

March 24, 2014 at 7:06pm

Today I was musician at a huge MD Retreat Center- acres of large evergreens. Cocoons decorated branches like Christmas ornaments. I remembered- first time in years- When I was young (but old enough I should have known to investigate science), I thought cocoons were like bird nests, abandoned each winter. So I'd pluck them, dissect, saw no signs of life, destroyed more.

Only 30 yrs later did I realize these were Monarch butterflies that I had killed. I still sorrow for destruction done in ignorance. See COMMENT for the "so what?" of today. 7:12pm COMMENT 1 that I added: Many religions' beliefs agree: I was wrong to kill innocent creatures of nature that were growing in living cocoons. Please pray (REALLY) for wisdom for America's court cases coming up that will decide whether one specific religion has the right to declare that it is wrong to kill humans that are **growing**

in living cocoons called wombs. The Supreme Court will hear oral argument on a key case about this religious freedom *tomorrow*, March 25, 2014. *COMMENT from a Facebook friend: We can be forgiven for what we do out of ignorance. Heaven help those who know better and do it anyway.*

March 26, 2014 at 8:35am ·

Here's an joy-filling Experiment for you: A (one) wren built a nest in my Christmas wreath beside front door (yes it's still up!) & I see her often.

2 dozen wrens come to my feeding deck daily - they all look alike to me.

Yet God knows **WHICH** one has that wreath nest. AS YOU SIT AT STOP LIGHTS, **actually quickly look at other drivers & Consider:** God knows the Name of **each** driver, what s/he loves & hates, his or her dreams. And He truly **Cares**. And... YOU are more than just one more 'wren' to God, too.

March 27, 2014 at 11:37am ·

Prediction: Yesterday's 8 AM snowfall would just get worse. (It did.)

So I left at 8:30 for 2 PM appointment I could NOT miss. Parked at hospital lot; walking its hall, saw History display showing same doll style they gave my infant daughter to comfort her before an eye operation.

Went into gift shop, saw same toy I'd bought her years later while she was 'living' there for 9 days after that car accident briefly mentioned February 15... . And I began WEEPING, all these years later. Memories still SO painful.

Lack of faith? NO- God understands.

Psalm 124: Remembering sorrows reminds us of how God has lovingly brought us thru it all. As He promises those who love Him.

March 30, 2014 at 11:03pm

"Poisoned by bitterness" = phrase I found in Acts 8:23 while checking behind today's radio sermon on Romans 3:14. Seems like many Christians brag that they never **curse**.. but don't notice that **God clearly links bitter hearts with that sin**. Ephesians 4:31, Hebrews 12:15-16, etc... May '*Bitterness*' stay a word we think of because of sermon topics, & not due to church meetings.

March 31, 2014 at 4:22pm ·

Just opened Name Brand can of Cream of Chicken soup.
Not much luck finding meat bits.

A few years back, our County Wide food drive packers found companies reducing Pound cans of vegetables from 16 to 14-1/2 oz weight (same size). No more 8 ounce cans of tuna.... now 5-1/2.

We mocked: Do they think we're too dumb to notice they want to keep more \$\$ to themselves?

... YET... Also realized this week,
I haven't been spending as much time on knees.

Do I think God won't notice me keeping more time to myself?

Do we think God won't notice us keeping more time to ourselves?

Sad 'food for thought' :{

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