

“LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



THORNS AND BEAUTY

“Ouch! That is not nice!” As I observed the blood creeping out of my thumb from the rose thorn; the result of an amateur pruning effort, I looked at the rose flower; the thorny branch; “How can something so beautiful cause such pain? Wasn’t I trying to help it produce better flowers.”

Then the next question came;

“Am I often like that rose bush? When someone tries to help me grow; is my response “Thanks. I appreciate your help.” Or do I become prickly; maybe lash out; even cause pain?”

About two thousand years ago there was a bloke who became closely acquainted with thorns. Those he came to help made a crown of thorns (and I mean real thorns!) Then they rammed it on his head.

Why? Because he told them what they needed to hear: but refused to hear.

” God loves you and you need to let His love into your life. Let God’s love; His ideas, be the guiding force in your life.” This was the message Jesus brought to those soldiers.

Read what happened in the Bible: John chapter 19 verses one to four.

His message is still relevant today. What is your response? Listen? Take it in? Let it become part of your life?

Let Him prune and grow you to be a gentle blessing to all whose lives you touch. When Jesus prunes he is gentle, with only one thought in mind – experiencing His love and concern; so, you live a “full life”.

Cheers,

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