

## “LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



### THE SHRIVELLED GRAIN

“Shrivel”; a word not used much these days, but the dictionary defines it as “to make or become worthless”. Frost can cause shrivelling in plants. One of the heads of barley grain in the image has been “frost affected. Hard frost freezes water in the plant cells, causing dehydration and damage to cell walls and the plant fails to reach its full potential.

It’s a sad fact that deliberately or unthinkingly we all at times “freeze out” people. These fellow members of our society whom we should all encouraged to grow, to flourish, can so easily become shrivelled up and never reach their full potential and the community suffers.

When Jesus walked this earth, his sole aim was that people recognise and accept the love and forgiveness God holds out to everyone. Today His wish is that we all use that love and care to overcome the cold of disinterest. No one should ever live a shrivelled life.

If you are someone feeling shrivelled up and worthless remember this, in the eyes of God, you are worth more than all the gold and silver of this world. He sent His Son so you can recognise you are of great worth and can fill your potential. Talk to God about the help he offers.

Job, who had seen more troubles than you could point a stick at wrote this, “He (God) raises the down-and-out, gives firm footing to those sick in grief.” (Job 5:11)

Don’t let the “frost” of anyone shrivel your growth, rely on the warmth of God’s love.

“Thanks Neil for supplying the heads of grain.”

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