

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



LOOK AND SEE

Working on a project, I happily and carefully cut a piece of sheet aluminium into many pieces with an angle grinder.

Finally, satisfied with all the needed pieces, I stopped and removed my safety glasses. Pushing aside the remains of the sheet, I was surprised by the pattern I had inadvertently cut into the wood on which the sheet had been resting.

My first thought was, "Maybe the art gallery would be interested. Look at how the lines so interestingly intersected at varying angles!" "Then again, maybe not."

However, on closer inspection, I could see how the pattern of cuts and angles at differing depths and the burn marks also had aluminium dust embedded in them. The "feathering" on the edges of the cuts just added another dimension.

Placing the wood to one side, I thought how I had almost, as per usual, chucked the "piece of waste" into the bin and what I would have missed had I not taken the time to stop and take a closer look.

I wonder how often we do that with God and our lives. Day by day, we hurry along, seldom pausing or recognising God quietly working away, creating a line of thought, an interaction intersecting with another.

How many lines in our lives, all embedded with shiny particles of his love, do we miss because we don't stop to see and recognise here is "something shiny and special"? By following our actions and thought patterns without pausing, do we throw away and miss opportunities to grow in understanding of the love with which God generally quietly works out in our lives? What of the intersections He makes between our lives and the lives of others? Are we looking closely enough to recognise the possibility of our lives joining?

Most importantly, have you recognised where your life and God's love intersect? In your self-absorbed hurry, have you missed the opportunity? Fortunately, God in love doesn't stop with one line; he is constantly creating more opportunities for your life to meet him.

Try talking to Him and telling Him, "Teach me your way, Lord, so that I will live my life your way. Make my heart pure to honour you and your name." **(Psalm 86:11)**

God bless,

Kevin.