

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



THE UNEXPECTED

Ruth's call came through the scrub, "Kevin! Come and look at this!" We both love the "bush" and I have learnt when Ruth gets excited about something you can be sure it will be worth "going to see!"

With her usual enthusiasm, she exclaimed, "Just look at the patterns on the sand made by the ripples of water, sunlight and shadows!" She then explained how as she went to step across a small dry channel in the sand a gentle breeze changed direction, and before her eyes what had been a piece of uninteresting sand became a pallet of nature's amazing artistry.

So many supposedly unrelated elements all came together at the right time to create something of wonder – a "miracle?"

The breeze, which could hardly be felt changed direction and moved the water across where previously had been just "dry sand". This was the start of what was to follow. A lesson in God in action. God doesn't always shout. We need to learn to listen for his "quiet, gentle voice".
(1 Kings 19:12)

The uneven, rough patch of sand caused the ripples. We all have rough patches in life, but when we trust Jesus to work in those times, he promises to shine his love and care onto those patches, and turn them into times of living beauty, not only for you but also for others to see, experience and wonder at. **(James 1:12)**

Jesus himself said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **(John 8:12)**

It was exactly the "right time". Ruth was in the right place in a patch of scrubby wasteland, some rough sand, a gentle puff of breeze, and rippling water struck by sunlight at just the right angle and something extraordinary happened.

When we become impatient with God, when we ask "Why have you lost interest in me? Why don't I see you in action in my life?", maybe we need to remember God's timing is not our timing. **(Isaiah 55:8-9)**

The feather? The only feather I could see. Just happened to be lying there, so I dropped it to float along on the water. God in love, often gives opportunity to be involved in his wondrous ways if we look around and see. **(Colossians 3:23)**

May God in his love always bless and excite you as he helps you see him in action.

Kevin.