

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



A SAFE PLACE

It is unbelievable what can sometimes be right "under our nose", but we miss it.

This nest was not really hidden, but I must have spent months walking past and not even noticing it. The mother bird was obviously comfortable with the arrangement; if she had felt afraid and flown off as I passed, surely I would have noticed. Well, I like to think so.

Just for a moment, consider this work of care, the time spent gathering and intricately weaving what would generally be regarded as commonplace and ignored. With some twigs, pieces of grass, an odd leaf and a few bits of fluff all carefully woven together, a place of safety and warmth was created. We call it a "nest".

God does the same thing for us. He has a safe and secure place for us to shelter, to feel safe when life's storms threaten to blow and possibly even destroy us. A place of nurture as we grow. He calls it. **"My Love"**!

"My Love" is not dependent or necessarily demonstrated by the physical, by the things that can rust, be stolen, wear out, break down and eventually be gone and can leave us with feelings of loss, sadness and asking, "Is that all life is about?"

No! **"My Love"** is personal; it is about a relationship of love and trust and the knowledge of someone much greater, totally caring and in control of things. Sometimes, a caring or loving word or a gentle touch will physically demonstrate a special bond, a meaningful and loving relationship. Sometimes, a smile or the supportive glance of a stranger is all that is needed to bring a feeling of security, peace and even joy. But behind all these stands the love of God and his promise that as his adopted children through Jesus and his love (**Ephesians 1:5**), nothing can or will ever separate you or me or anyone else who wants to be held safely in God's forever love. (**Romans 35, 37-39**) The only way out is to tell God, "I do not want anything to do with your love. I turn my back on you". Even then, his love continues in that he respects your wishes and accepts you no longer wish to be one of his children. Read the story of "The Lost Son". (**Luke 15:11-32**)

Not sure if you want to live a whole life with God and his incredible love? Please talk to him before making that decision.

God bless,

Kevin