

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### FREEDOM LIKE A FEATHER

Having escaped from the parrot's back, the little feather was enjoying its freedom merrily floating along on the breeze, not a care, and all was right with the world.

Suddenly, a minute twist of air caused the happy feather to pirouette, drop and be snared by the reaching arm of an almost invisible twig. Immediately and without warning, the happy, free-floating adventures of the little feather came to an end.

How often have our happy plans been snagged and brought to a sudden end, leaving us wondering what is next and possibly a feeling of helplessness? How will the suddenly diagnosed illness be managed? Where will the money come from to replace the worn-out car tyre, and what of the pressure that arrives with the unexpected redundancy note? Without warning, life and many expectations can come crashing down and the freedoms I was looking forward to disappear. What does my life become?

Perhaps then is an excellent time to remember there is a God who for thousands of years has been a God of love whose aim has only ever been caring for people and bringing them a freedom that can never be taken away if we only trust the love and freedom he offers.

In **(John 8:36)**, Jesus tells us, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." This freedom allows us to live knowing we are loved by a God who only wants what is best for us and for us to enjoy life in all its fullness. Part of that love might be shown by helping us live with or find a way through periods of sadness, even soar or float like a feather above such hardships.

An essential part of being free to enjoy and live in God's great love is to let go of past hurts and mistakes. Past hurts and errors can easily hold us down like anchors, keeping us tied to a life of unhappiness. In **2 Corinthians 5:17**, we are reminded, "For if a man belongs to Christ, he is a new person. The old life is gone. New life has begun.!" Taking hold of the new you in Jesus allows the "new you" to be free to enjoy the life God wants and help and show others a new way of living.

Enjoy your freedom, live close to God, talk to him, and give him praise and gratitude. When we live in this God-given freedom, we uplift ourselves and inspire those around us.

So let us strive to be free like a feather-light, graceful, and wholly alive in God's love. In doing so, we reflect His glory and spread the message of hope to a world longing to be free.

Enjoy!

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