

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



FALLEN BUT VALUABLE

As we pulled up at the gate to Sean's place, Ruth and I both exclaimed, "Look at that! Never seen that before!" Then realisation struck. They were fallen flowers from the Jacaranda tree which, even though we had stayed here many times over the years, we had not realised the tree and its beauty existed.

Slowly wandering across the carpet and looking closer we discovered not all the fallen blossoms were the same. Some were battered, some had been almost flattened by car tyres and others unmarked, but all had fallen. Collecting some of the blooms we took them inside where their beauty turned a common cereal bowl into the centrepiece of the lounge room coffee table.

Ever felt as if life and circumstances have blown you to a place where no one sees you, and you feel walked over, discarded and ignored or maybe worse looked down on? I guess most of us have had those moments in life that lead to thoughts of "Am I of any value to anyone?"

Jesus made an interesting comment that we should all take to heart -

"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows." **(Luke 12:6-7)** Just imagine, if the God of everything says you are valuable, then you must be valuable. So valuable he asked His Son, Jesus to die so we could again be friends with Him. It is not about you or me doing anything (remember the flowers in the dirt) but believing and trusting what God / Jesus says. But to all who believe and trust Jesus, he gives the right to become children of God, **(see John 1:12)**

While enjoying being a "Child of God", remember this also, "Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we receive from God." **(Corinthians 1:3-4)**

No one falls so far, God in love cannot pick them up, and give life new and valuable meaning. Trust God to place you where it is best for his plans for the best life you can have, even if it doesn't look like it right now.

God bless you,
Kevin.