

## **“LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”**



### **THE VALUE OF GUM NUTS**

The other day I noticed all these gum nuts and their discarded “pixie caps” and two things came to mind.

Firstly the “pixie caps” meant there had been flowers. If there had been flowers, then the gum nuts in the mix have seeds in them.

Each of these uninteresting gum nuts now kicked to the side of the path, trod on and forgotten, have hidden inside a valuable treasure. The treasure of a seed that when the time and conditions are right will sprout and grow into a tree; a replica of the original which will feed birds and bees, give shade grow more seeds and do what trees are meant to do.

I believe, and I have seen evidence, that within each of us there lingers a seed which whether we recognise it or not, has been put there by the God who I also believe made each of us.

At the right time that seed will spring into life and grow into a treasure; a treasure called “love of God” which then grows into “caring” or “love” or “compassion” toward others. I truly believe when God’s Word says “God made man and woman to be like Himself”, he was saying, “I am making people able to care for each other.”

You may feel you have been kicked to one side and forgotten. God never forgets. Remember the seed of caring and love starts with God loving you. Who knows what the seed of God’s love might grow you to be.

May you flourish in God’s great love.

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