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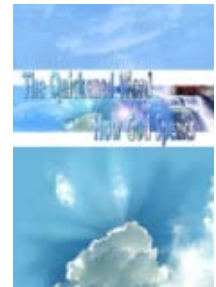
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BIRD PARABLES

Posted by [[swauthor](#)] Aug 22nd 2005 - 0:36AM Posts to date: 3742

THE BIRD PARABLE

Early this morning around 6: AM I was looking out the window and the 2 mated birds that nested in Mom's birdhouse the last few years were back again for the season. I watched them swirl and twirl and dive in and around their home as though they hadn't a care in the world. I said to the Lord, "Lord they aren't worried and You take care of them."

As I was water my plants later, and pondering these birds, Wayne came in and said, "Remember that God takes care of the birds." In the process of watering the plants, I accidentally bumped our little wooden bird that is standing among the plants. It tipped over. I said out loud, "No bird, you will stand and you shall not fall!"

HEARD: Pure. A bird faith leaves everything up to his Master.

"So I tell you, don't worry about everyday life--whether you have enough food, drink, and clothes. Doesn't life consist of more than food and clothing? Look at the birds. They don't need to plant or harvest or put food in barns because your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are." (Matt 6:25-26 NLT)



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FEEDING THE BIRDS PARABLE

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I received a belated BD gift. It was a bird feeder! No birds came and so I started praying that the Lord would bring the birds. This morning there were 5 beautiful birds feeding at our feeder. They have given me much joy and they are a reminder of how God feels about nurturing and taking care of us.

In an amazing series of events, all of a sudden people have been sending us donations and the labels, stamps or stationary on their letters are birds! The Lord has been telling me I am feeding the birds in their season of winter of hard, cold times.

HEARD: You have been given the responsibility to feed the birds. I'm looking for character. Her warehouse spirit.

VISION: I saw a mother bird. She was feeding the other birds one seed at a time.

[INTERP: Part of my calling has to do with collecting the Words to the Lord and storing them

into a huge warehouse, just like Joseph collected grain in the warehouses. I have had several visions in my past about this warehouse I was supposed to fill. In the mid 80's when I was collecting Words in my journal, I had just written one and saw a vision of me on top of this huge warehouse. It had a slot in the top just like a piggy bank. I dropped the piece of paper that had the Word on it and watched it float like a feather down to the bottom. What a giant warehouse bank that was!]

WORD TO PONDER: FEEDING MY BIRDS

I am calling you to help restore My people. I shall call you to bring forth out the supplies of many years, and you shall feed many who come to your door. This shall be a place of wonderful banqueting food preserved for those who are in need. It will be like feeding the birds in winter, where food is scarce, but the nest I am building will hold many. So, rejoice as you see them come and sup.

“My lover said to me, `Rise up, my beloved, my fair one, and come away. For the winter is past, and the rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up, and the time of singing birds has come, even the cooing of turtledoves. The fig trees are budding, and the grapevines are in blossom. How delicious they smell! Yes, spring is here! Arise, my beloved, my fair one, and come away.” (Song 2:10-13 NLT)



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FEATHERS CONFIRMATION

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This was from a reader who sent me her fun confirmation.

“...Last Christmas, I was writing out cards for family and friends. As I did each one, I wrote the blessing I felt the Lord give me, each one was different. When I came to my niece's family, I felt the Lord say to write, "May He cover you with His feathers." This seemed odd to me, not fitting at all, but I wrote it anyway.

At our Christmas party, oddly enough, there were 7 birdhouses in the gift giving... My niece's family ended up with ALL of them! It was so funny! What a great confirmation the Lord gave me. I knew the Lord was indeed covering them with His feathers!...”

[Note from Sandy: Her comments reminded me of a vision I had in the past]:

VISION: I was putting a roof on an eagle. It was shaped like a pointed A frame roof, and was supposed to be a roof, only instead of shingles overlapping, the roof was made of overlapping feathers.

HEARD: This shall fit nicely.



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DOUBLE TAKE

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DOUBLE TAKE

EXPERIENCE: I went to bed very weary about every area in my life. I prayed, "Lord not one sparrow falls to the ground without You noticing. I need Your attention really bad." In my mind I was humorously thinking of a sparrow taking a dive bomb and falling in a splat. Then I kiddingly said, "Lord could we try that one more time?"

VISION: I saw a big giant hand reach out and catch a little tiny bird as it was falling in the sky.

I saw the following in a series of pictures, kind of like a slide show.

VISIONS: I saw dust being blown off the bird, then its feathers were being smoothed. The scene changed and I saw the bird eating grain in the hand, then there was water in the hand and it took a bird bath in the hand. Then I saw the bird take its head and rub it against the hand in a love nudge.

Matt 10:29-31 NLT

Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.



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I WILL RAIN UPON YOUR HEAD

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I was thinking about feeding the birds while I was watering my plants. As I rearranged the plants, I moved a ceramic lady who is quietly reading a book among the birds. I was thinking it was a parable of me and feeding the birds with my book. I filled my water pitcher and poured water into the plant above it very carefully so as not to spill it on our carpet, because water stains it. Somehow a leaf was in the way while I was pouring, and I did not see it until

too late and a portion of the water poured all over the lady's head!! The way the water separated and fell, it looked like it was raining upon her. I was quite tickled at the parable.

CONFIRMATION: As I finished typing this, I stopped and looked out the window. I saw 2 birds twirling in the air and then comfortably landing upon the peak of the roof.

Joel 2:26 NKJV

And He will cause the rain to come down for you — The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.



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BE GENTLE WITH THE BIRDS

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A friend sent me a vision and interpretation:

I saw a bird, and it flew back a bit to a tree where it felt safe and continued talking, though more relaxed. I listened, could not understand, and asked the Lord to tell what the bird was saying to me. Then I saw me holding a small bird in my hands. It was not afraid. It wanted to be with me and it knew, that it was safe there. I, too, knew how fragile it was and that I had the ability to crush the bird with my hands. I just sat there with this knowledge and quite content to leave my hands open so it could fly away and return as it desired.

INTERPRETATION:

Careful.....

If I close my hands around the bird, I could hurt it. I must be careful to let it remain free.

The bird comes and goes as it pleases. I must be careful to not place my eyes on the bird, but on the Lord who made the bird and caused it to fly to me.

As I walk, I must be careful to not stumble and in doing so hurt the bird or fall onto the bird and crush it.

The bird is not mine; it is the Lord's. I must be careful to remember that.

I must listen carefully to what the bird says, but the understanding of it comes from the Lord's revelation to me.

SANDY COMMENTS: I am reminded of a couple poems we had on our fridge for years. "If you love something, you will set it free. If it comes back to you, it was meant to be." The other one

was in my Dad's office for years. "There are 2 lasting gifts we can give our children. One is roots the other is wings."

As I am pondering about birds, I remember they are "flighty." If you chase them, they fly away. If your heart is still before them, they feel safe enough to land and sing their songs and even chipper when they are fed.

WORD TO PONDER: LOVING WITHOUT GRASPING

Learn to love by letting go. There is a yearning of the soul that desires to possess that which does not belong to you. My love does not covet, it sets free. Give those that you love into My care. Yes, you have heard that you give roots and wings to your loved ones. Grant them the stability of knowing you are there for them and then release them one step at a time to learn to crawl, walk, run and then fly into their destinies in Me.

Remember that birds are flighty. If you chase a bird it will fly away. As you yearn with My Spirit over those you care for, keep the palm of your hand open and like a bird in flight, let them freely come and go in your life as they will. Remain in loving watch care over their lives and provide an open palm of a warm safe shelter for their hearts. Stay faithful and you will always have friends no matter what age.

Phil 2:3-8 NLT

Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.



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FAITHFUL PARENTS

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FAITHFUL PARENTS

WORD TO PONDER 1998: SEASONS

Observe My creation unfolding its seasons. Feel the anticipation, as the bulbs emerge from their tomb. Sense the expectancy, as fresh buds sprout upon trees. Observe the vibrancy, as grass suddenly bursts with growth. Feel the hope, as winter dissolves and spring breaks forth. And know that I AM God.

Observe the birds. See the faithfulness of those who sit upon a nest and wait. As the young emerge from their shells, their survival instinct commands them to pester until they are satisfied. And they are fed by tireless parents. See the parents swoop, as the babies take their first flight and know that I AM God.

All of life comes forth in its season. All growth on earth and in heaven issues from ordained timing. Each season gives birth to another, and then another. Each season has its purpose and each purpose has its plan. Understand the seasons and know that I AM God.

Know that all that happens in your life is as timely and ordained as the seasons. As the blossoms appear on the trees, so that which appears barren in your life will spring forth.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

CONFIRMATION QUOTE BOBBY CONNER 6/07/03:

"The Bluebird may fly about all summer long enjoying her freedom. But if she wants a nest full of fledglings, she must sit for weeks as a volunteer captive. While the mystery of life gestates beneath her soft feathers, she has a choice: be free and barren or curtail her freedom and bring forth a next generation.

I believe the church has been squandering our freedom. Using our freedom and putting the next generation in bondage. Grace is not a license to live loose. If we really have the grace of God, it should command us to live holy and pure."



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ADOPTED

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ADOPTED

Today I went to the movie Fly Away. I was so touched by this beautiful parable. It was the story of a 13-year-old becoming "Mother" to a nest of abandoned eggs. Of course these little hatchlings bonded with her when they hatched, and followed the little girl everywhere. The Canadian Geese literally have to be taught every little thing by their mother, as they learn by example.

So the girl taught them to spread their wings, they learned to run and they learned to take off and fly. They had to figure out a way to fly them down south for their first migration, so after that these geese would always take the same course every year by themselves. The 13-year-old's Dad taught her how to hang-glide with a little motor on back. The Dad would lead the daughter, and the daughter would have her own plane and lead the geese. They had a humongous Canadian Mother goose attached to the top of her hang-plane so that it looked like big Mother from the top while they were flying.

The scenes were awesome. The story had so many precious and beautiful scenes and parables. I really enjoyed the blessing.

WORD TO PONDER: NURTURING PARENTS

Silently, I have watched nurturing parents find My abandoned children, and adopt them as their own. I watched them nurture and give birth through intercession. I saw them model how to spread their wings and fly.

These my faithful parents will be given a forerunning role in bringing many children through their first migration. They will lead the way and show the younger ones how to escape the

bitter cold winter that will overcome the world. These shall escape on new wings of faith and be kept during the most difficult time the world has every known. Their children shall return when the spring comes to melt the bitter cold, and they in turn shall evangelize the world and raise their own young. A new beginning, and new hope a new generation is in the making. Watch it unfold before your very eyes.

"Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming..." (Jeremiah 8:7)



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DON'T FORCE THE HATCHING

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DON'T FORCE THE HATCHING

When a bird hatches from its shell, the parent does not help the process. This strengthens the muscles and ability of the new one to survive outside the protected and isolated environment. Have patience to pray and wait for that birthing. It will come forth naturally. It will be worth the wait.

"Even the sparrow finds a home there, and the swallow builds her nest and raises her young-- at a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God!" (Ps 84:3 NLT)



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Re: DOUBLE TAKE

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Someone sent me a response to a post:

Dear Sandy,
I read your word on the Elijah's list about the birds, I was a bit amazed.

Last week as I took a break at work, I went outside for some fresh air.

There was this raven, black bird [which I don't particularly like] caught between the window wipers and the hood of a minivan. He was trying to get free but couldn't, as I am approaching him, I am talking to him, the bird, telling him that he was God's little creature and that He loved him and so did I. So, I cupped his tiny back into my hand and his long beak was open as if he would bite, I told him not to be afraid that I wasn't going to hurt him but help him get free, so please don't bite me.

I gently pulled him from his trapped position and telling him that I would put him by the bushes across the parking lot, so he could fly. As I was walking the bird across, he was looking intently into my eyes, and he wasn't resisting my holding him, actually he rested, cuddled into my cupped hand.

I was truly touched by this event knowing that I was helping one of God's little creature, and he seemed intelligent, like he understood me. As I rested him on the bush edge across the parking lot, he looked back at me as he took flight to freedom.

This is not the first time I have been touched by God through a raven, by the way!



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Re: BIRD PARABLES

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Someone had the impression to send me the following photo and caption. It really ministered to me:



Caption to the photo:

I left the front door open while I was bringing in the groceries and after the third trip to the car I found a hummingbird in my kitchen! I got my butterfly net, stood on the kitchen table, and after multiple failed attempts, trapped the bird in the net at the ceiling. Always with my camera at the ready, I took this photo as I opened my hand to let the bird go outside.

SANDY INTERPRETATION: To me, this said that when someone inappropriately invades our personal boundaries with their opinions, that no matter how strongly we feel the need to capture their wrong mindsets with the truth... in the end we need to resist wrestling in debate and kindly escort them out the door, release them and let them go. ... In forgiveness and mercy with freedom to go and do what they will do. ... whether that is to continue in the same wrong mindset or change in a new direction.

Since that is the only scriptural resolution to invasions of our personal boundaries, I saw the futility of wrestling with another's soul and mindsets and the grief it causes the Lord. We may point them to the truth if we are humble to share and they are humble to receive. But wrestling to capture someone with the truth is grievous to the Holy Spirit. Wrestling with a person is soul power in an effort to control. Only God can open blind eyes to His truth and only God can bring real change.

RHEMA 12/16/03 SOUL POWER IS FUTILE

HEARD: You convince a woman against her will and she's of the same opinion still.

Zech 4:6-7 NKJV

'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"

2 Tim 2:24-26 AMP

And the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome (fighting and contending). Instead, he must be kindly to everyone and mild-tempered [preserving the bond of peace]; he must be a skilled and suitable teacher, patient and forbearing and willing to suffer wrong. He must correct his opponents with courtesy and gentleness, in the hope that God may grant that they will repent and come to know the Truth [that they will perceive and recognize and become accurately acquainted with and acknowledge it], And that they may come to their senses [and] escape out of the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him, [henceforth] to do His [God's] will.



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