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Scripture: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" Hebrews 6:19

Food for thought: DELICATE YET POWERFUL & EXTRA-ORDINARY!



My daughter, Kaycee has a phobia of spiders. No matter how much I have tried to tell her they are harmless her response remains the same: sweating, panic, rapid heartbeat and screams of "daddy come now please!! So today I spent a few moments examining a spider web just outside my garage. Often I would get annoyed by the webs they weave on walls and ceilings and spoiling the beauty of my house but today I began to appreciate the valid life lessons & discoveries that these fine long pedigree creatures can give.

The first lesson is the strength of the web. I thought about how the web withstood the winds that we have been experiencing lately here in Wales. I examined what appeared to be very delicate strands but strands that endured some strong forces. I thought about how appearances can be deceiving. How something that appears delicate can have great strength that may not be visible until that strength needs to surface. Three things came to mind (strength under control, gentleness & meekness) The Apostle John gives us two word pictures that describe Jesus strength and gentleness. Jesus isn't only the Lion of Judah He's also the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. revelation 5:5 & John 1:29

The second lesson is the anchoring of the web. I followed one of the strands with my eyes to the corner of the garage door on which it was anchored. At the point of the anchoring there was an increased thickness to the web strand. But I thought how important it was for those anchoring points. The whole web could collapse if the strands were not solidly anchored. It reminded me of the importance of having my own life strongly anchored. Choosing where and to what I anchor my life is vital to avoiding a collapse. Thank God I have chosen to anchor my life in Jesus Christ. "We who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" Hebrews 6:18,19.

The third lesson is the connectedness of the web. When I touched one strand of the web, it impacted the whole web. This lesson is important to understand the connectedness that we have with other people. What happens to one person or how one person behaves especially in the body

of Christ impacts all those that are connected to that person. The closer and deeper the connection, the greater the impact. We should thank God for divine kingdom connections. We are all a product of combined efforts & sacrifices and no man should be an island.

The fourth lesson was the amazement that I have for my Creator. As I thought about the work that went into creating the spider web, I thought about the spider itself. How much care and effort the spider has put into its creation. The intricate details that are so important for the success of the web's continued existence. This led me to think about how deliberately God has put together all the details of my life. "For you formed my inward parts you covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well- psalms 139:13

I hope my daughter gets round to reading this devotion and hope her anxiety will diminish and eventually disappear. If you are reading this before you go ugh! Consider a spider's significant job and although they are creepy, they are also beautiful and interesting little creatures that teach us a lot.

You will be amazed at the lessons that you can learn — even from a spider web!

Love

Mercy