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BETWEEN THE WINDOW & THE SCREEN

The other day as I contemplated the predicament of a fly stuck between the window and the screen....

I thought, 'what a bummer it was for the fly that it could see freedom, taste freedom, even feel freedom, but it could not HAVE freedom.' It was once free, but this screen was keeping the fly from its desire to be free and to fly once again.

I began to see some similarities between that fly's plight and the lives of many people in this world. You see, as human beings, we were designed by God to have physical and spiritual 'freedom.' When Adam and Eve were first created by God, they had total freedom. Actually, they had paradise, but they gave it all up when they decided to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil- the ONLY tree God told them not to eat from. Through their sinful choice to disobey God's direct Word, they essentially stuck all of mankind between the proverbial 'window and the screen.'

Since that fateful day in the Garden of Eden, mankind has been groping in the darkness to find a way out, desperately looking for freedom, and only finding a prison. But not just any prison-- a see-through prison where freedom is just out of reach. Because of our sin, we could never be free on our own, we needed a Savior.

BUT GOD had already made provision to remove the screen and set us free. This salvation has always been by faith, even before Jesus died on the cross. God spoke to people and they would either believe and obey, or they would not. People like Noah, Abraham & Sarah, Moses, Daniel, King David, just to name a few. For those who followed God through faith, the screen was lifted and they were able to live in freedom no matter what their life circumstances were.

By dying on the cross for the salvation of all mankind, Jesus lifted the screen for all of us in a very clear and decisive

way. Now it just lands on us to accept this gift, repent of our sins and fly away! The work has been done!

Recently, I wrote a song (a ridiculous song really, but a song, nonetheless) called... "The Song of the Fly" or "Stuck Between," I can't even figure out a title:). Anyway, there's a pretty good line in the song that says, *"Not gonna lie, lie; didn't want to try, try; almost gave up on my life. Then Jesus came in, took away all my sin; captivity broke into flight!"*

Do you ever feel like a fly stuck between the window and the screen? *Bumping into the screen day after day; searching the perimeter of life trying to find a way out?* I'm here to tell you that the screen has been lifted and all that's left for you to do is accept Jesus' gift of life and receive forgiveness for your sins through His shed blood. When we trust Jesus with our lives, we can cease from all of our labor and finally abandon our own futile efforts to save ourselves. Jesus said, **"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS."** Matt. 11:28-29

Even as Christians, sometimes we can get ourselves right back in that desperate feeling of being stuck between the window and the screen. The answer is still the same: Call on Jesus by faith. And just like the Hero He was the first time when He removed the screen, so He is faithful to hear us, forgive us, and set us free again and again. (1 Jn. 1:9)

As human beings, we are just as helpless as that fly to remove the screen...only Jesus can do it. Won't you let Him? He created us to fly and be free in Him. It's something to consider.

Shalom, Denise