

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



ANGRY BIRDS SNEAK HOME

On January 12th this year, for some reason known only to themselves, the "Angry Birds" left home despite receiving all the attention they needed.

A few nights ago, they were caught trying to sneak home. Why? Again, I'm not sure.

It is not that hard to relate to the "Angry Birds". How many of us (now be honest) can remember, having been told, "You be home by 10.00 now!" arriving at the back door after midnight, carefully removing our shoes, slowly turning the door handle while waiting for the inevitable "squeek", which you hope Dad's snoring will cover, then once inside, the slow creep towards the bedroom, stepping over the loose floorboard, into the bedroom, sigh, made it. Then comes the voice, "I thought I said Ten!" "Sorry Dad – Love ya!"

It seems to be an almost built-in reaction that when the conscience says, "You shouldn't have done that. You'll be caught out", we make excuses and try to sneak past or around the consequences.

Sometimes, I even find myself "trying it on" with God. "Well, God, you know, if he hadn't said that, I wouldn't have had to yell at him." "God, I know the speed limit, but I had to keep up with the traffic flow." "I know I shouldn't have used that language. But God, they just made me so mad, I had to get back."

Jesus told a story once about admitting you are wrong and accepting the consequences, even with God. It could be like this today: "A Father owned a multi-billion company. His two sons knew one day they would own it. The youngest son came to Dad. If I had my share now, I'm sure I could be a success." The father gave him his share. Sadly, things didn't work out. Dodgy deals collapsed, brothels became more fun than the office, and everything went downhill. One day, cold and shivering under the bridge, he thought as his fingers scooped dog food from a can, "This is not working. I will go home, tell Dad I'm sorry and work on the factory floor." He did this. To his surprise, his Dad rushed out the door and threw his arms around him. He then gave his credit card to a staff member with instructions, "Organise a celebration party like no one has ever seen because my son, who I thought I would never see again, has come home."

(See what Jesus actually said Luke 15: 11-32)

That's God! He doesn't want self-justifying excuses when we make a hash of things. He only asks that we remember that His Son Jesus has fixed our mistakes. He begs, "Remember, I love you no matter what." Check out God's Word. **(Romans 8:38-39, John 3:16, Lamentations 3:22)** Trust Him!

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