

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### I'M SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

It had been some time since we had seen rain. Now, the heavens had opened, and the usually dry, rough concrete was wet, cool, and smooth. Snails that had not been observed for so long were out in numbers, slowly gliding along. As their antennae bumped together, which is apparently one way snails communicate, I could almost image them chorusing, "I'm singin' in the rain, just singin' in the rain. What a glorious feeling. I'm happy again." While I could also imagine the orchardist across the road muttering, "That didn't need to come right now and spoil the fruit."

I got to asking myself, how often am I like the snails, recognising God's unexpected goodness, and how frequently like the disgruntled orchardist who had for a moment forgotten the many other blessings God had brought into his life. Not for a moment am I judging the orchardist. Coming from an agriculturist background, I fully understand and can sympathise with him.

My answer had to be many times like the snails – but- not of my own doing, but by the thankful attitude that God places into my life, as I recognise SOME of the many blessings he places there. But more often, like the orchardist, I can become disgruntled that God didn't do things "My way."

But all is not lost. Even as he listens to my disgruntled, unthankful mutterings, God's reaction is not one of "You ungrateful pain in the neck, how can you forget all I have done for you every day, all the years of your life? I'll leave you to fend for yourself, then see how you get on!" No! Instead, God touches your shoulder and says, "Don't forget I'm your loving heavenly father. I know how you feel. Talk to me about it, and I promise to hear you, help you understand my ways, and give you strength and understanding". He makes us His children. We do nothing but believe Him (**JOHN 1:12**)

If you find the idea of talking to the God of the Bible, remember Jesus said, in JOHN 10:30, "I and the Father are one."

For reassurance of just how much God loves and cares for you, check out the well-known Bible words in John 3:16.

Remember when life feels like crawling over hard, dry concrete? Our loving God can make life like sliding over a cool water, washed smooth path.

God bless your week,

Kevin.