

Struggle of the Butterfly

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day, a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then, it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives too. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, we would not be as strong as what we could have been.

"I asked for strength, and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom, and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity, and God gave me a brain and brawn to work.

I asked for courage, and God gave me danger to overcome.

I asked for love, and God gave me troubled people to help.

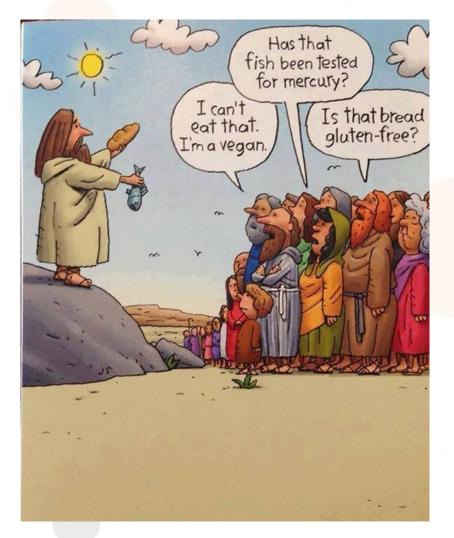
I asked for favors, and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I asked for but everything I needed!"

Things God won't Ask United Parish Mission Violet Reinholz Birthday -

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet; He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- God won't ask what your job title was; He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of our ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived; He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- God won't ask about the color of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation; He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven and not to the gates of Hell.



James and Diane Reinholz

SYMPATHY to family of June Skuza.

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."

-Mark Twain



Birthdays

June

- 1- Tyler Bernstein
- 3 Trevor Bernstein
- 5 Linda Bullinger
- 7 Lyla Cote
- 18 Paige Vad
- 20 Peggy Nelson
- 22-Carson Reed Bremner
- 24 Ron Martin
- 25 Jim Whetter



- 30 Jim Berube 9 - Brad & Margo Knudson
- 22 Jim & Sharon Whetter
- 24 Howard & Dorothy Beyer
- 24 Shari & Les Turner

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Under Five

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

June Calendar

Wednesday June 2 - 2:00 PW
7:00 Parish Council
Sunday June 6 - 9:00 Fellowship
10:00 Worship Service
Monday, June 7 - 6:00 Happy Hearts
Wednesday, June 9 - 2:00 UMW
Sunday, June 13 - 9:00 Fellowship
10:00 Worship service
Sunday, June 20 - 9:00 Fellowship
10:00 Worship Service
Sunday, June 27 - 9:00 Fellowship
10:00 Worship Service



Thank you to everyone who has been working at the church doing all the different cleaning projects.

August 18 there will be a Ecumenical

Memorial meal and service for all those who have passed away from March 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. Each church is asked for so many volunteers. Information on bulletin board.