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## The Buzzard, The Bat, and The Bumblebee

Recently a friend of mine sent me this interesting article about the Buzzard, The Bat and the Bumblebee.

"If you put a buzzard in a pen six or eight feet square, entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of ten or twelve feet. Without space to run, as is his habit, he will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

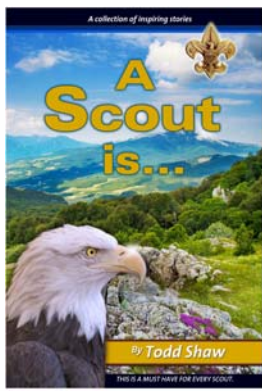
A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying

to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, there are lots of people like the buzzard, the bat and the bee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not realizing that the answer is right there above them."

"We have around us many people whose lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back. **Let us look [up]... to Jesus**, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect." Hebrews 12:1-2a NCV

Lookin' up,



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# Upcoming Dates



## November

6-8th WKA Manf. Cup Series, Lowes Motor Speedway, Concord, NC  
12th On Track Ministry Banquet / Fundraiser, Galax, VA  
29th Book Release, *A Scout is* by Todd Shaw

## December

27-28th Christmas in Dixie, Volusia County Speedway, Daytona, FL  
28-30th WKA Manf. Cup Series, Daytona Speedway, Daytona, FL



## Lisa's Lines....

### *“Under His Protection”*

How many of you found yourself as a child coming against the wishes of your parent(s)? I seemed to be generally compliant in some areas yet rebelled against most suggestions made by my mother. If she said, “no,” I said, “yes.” If she said, “hot,” I said, “cold.” If she said, “coat,” I left it at home (that’s still a running joke between us – smile, Mama).

Why do we do such things? I’m not sure, but I’ve evidently not learned the value of listening to the advice of others. Case in point: while cutting the jalapenos for our salsa, I completely ignored the strong suggestion by all who know about such things to wear gloves when dealing with hot peppers. So, when I finished hand-mixing my salsa, I don’t know why I was surprised that my hands were on fire. Not only were they burning that evening, they throbbled for about 3 days! I ignored some pretty important advice.

Our Heavenly Father has some advice for us too. Some are in the form of commands, others are strongly suggested, some come with conditions, and others are shown by the examples of Jesus or others

who have gone before us. He gives us plenty of things we are to do or not do, but I hope we can agree that they are all for our protection. Just like our earthly parents tried to guide us toward decisions that were for our good, God seeks to send us down the paths that He knows will benefit us the most.

So why are we so stubborn? Why can’t we see His instructions as loving forms of concern instead of controlling ways to deny us pleasures? I’m not sure. But ever since I stuck my hands in those hot peppers, I’ve been on a quest to read about what He wants me to do and resist doing things my own way. Take some time to read your Bible to search for the things God has for you. Take one at a time; don’t try to implement them all at once. Ask God to show you the most valuable things; you’ll then experience His protection and the fullness of life He promises each of His children.

Pursuing His Path and Protection,