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I Shall Arise

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One day while in prayer I was gazing outside the window from in the sanctuary. I was having a peaceful conversation; just the Lord and I. Then all of a sudden a bird hit a window in the sanctuary and, judging by the loud thud it made, I knew he had to have been hurt badly.

I have heard where birds have done that, as they fly, not realizing that there is a pane of glass that separates them from where they intended to go. Those poor birds, flying through the air with the greatest of ease, then, without notice ****SMACK****; stopped by some unforeseen obstacle. They hit head-on, full force and then down for the count.

I thought to myself, "Stupid bird." I chuckled as curiosity got the best of me and I went to get a look at the maimed bird. I expected to see was a bird, lying, toes up - knocked out. When I glanced out the window I was awestruck when I saw that the bird wasn't there. I pondered the situation. Then I came to the realization that the bird was not as stupid as I thought, but very wise. Instead of lying there for a predator to come upon him and eat him for dinner, he shook himself and flew off. He didn't stay in self-pity and lick his wounds; he knew he must get back up before the deep pain set in, before the wounds hindered him.

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me." Micah 7:8

We can also be like that! To keep on going no matter what happens in life, no matter what obstacle gets into our way, we can fly around it with the grace of God. We can read the Bible and gain wisdom, we can pray and gain courage, we can fellowship with others and gain strength, we can fast and gain endurance.

Our troubles are no match for God. All Jesus has to do is speak the word and it's done. Problems solved. Troubles fade. Hurts mended. Just trust in God and allow Him to speak into your life.

When you fall, dust yourself off and get back up, you can do it – you and Jesus!

The moral of this story is to be as wise as an owl and not to be an old bird brain!

