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Cobwebs of Life

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As I write this, Halloween will be upon us in about 2 weeks. Even though I'm not a real fan of Halloween and won't purport to discuss the spiritual implications of the holiday. The holiday and some spiders got me thinking about cobwebs. Over the last several months, I've had spiders in my bedroom, in the bathroom, in my office (a totally different building) and last but not least in my car. In Florida I was used to roaches, so I'd certainly trade spiders over roaches any day. Believe it or not, I actually had a spider spin a web off the ceiling and come and sit down beside as I was watching Spiderman 2 on TV! A lot of this has been pretty humorous, but the last straw for me was coming out of a two hour hair appointment and finding that a spider had woven a web from my car steering wheel to my car seat!

Now, I've never really thought of God using spiders to convey a message to me. But, I finally asked God if he was trying to tell me something. My husband and I talked about the concept that spider webs are like sin in our lives. They never quite go away. No matter how many spider webs we take down, there will always be new ones to replace them. Kind of like sin, don't you think? No matter how good we think we are or how we strive to be more Christ-like, we will always have "stuff" (sin) that will need working on in our lives.

And, then I thought, that spider webs are similar to what can happen in our lives if we let things get out of control. For instance, if we compare spider webs to depression, what would happen if we just gave up and let the spiders spin their webs in our hearts unchecked? If we let enough of these webs in our heart build up and we don't deal with it, we may find ourselves deeply imbedded in webs and in darkness. Just like depression.

To keep us from getting overwhelmed, it is much easier to just keep short accounts and to deal with things as they come into our lives.

So the next time you see the "cobwebs" starting to spin webs in your heart and life, go ahead and just deal with them then, rather than waiting for them to spin enough webs where you get stuck.

Food for Thought: "Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning". Proverbs 9:8