



## There WAS This Bee...

I was TRYING to work on my Bible Study while sitting on the deck at our house and there was this BEE...

It kept buzzing around my head. And it wasn't the first time. This BEE was a regular.

In recent days every time I tried to sit on our deck and enjoy the view, the BEE would show up and buzz and harass. It was really getting on my nerves. It was stealing my peace, and my joy. It had to be eliminated completely or no peace, no joy.

I would think of ways to eliminate the BEE and then the little sympathy speck left in me would reason with me and remind me that the bee was needed to pollinate our little part of the world so I would let the BEE live. I would try to ignore it. I would try to "coexist" with the big, fat BEE.

But it always came back. Buzzing dangerously around my head. Buzzing in my ear. I couldn't ignore it. I couldn't "coexist" with it. My approach simply would not work.

The buzzing drove me crazy. It had to be gone, completely. Eliminated.

I thought about the BEE and it reminded me of sin in my life. If left unconfessed, the sin BEE will keep buzzing. It will harass me and it is dangerous. It will hinder my fellowship with God. I cannot ignore it. I cannot "coexist" with it. It will keep buzzing and buzzing and drive me nuts. It will affect my mind and my emotions. It will destroy my peace and my joy. I cannot just "let it be". (No pun intended!) It shows up at the most inopportune times and buzz, buzz, buzz. The only way to regain my peace and my joy is to eliminate it. Completely.

You probably have a sin BEE in your life; sin that keeps on buzzing. Wicked sin. Dangerous sin. Impossible to ignore. Impossible to "coexist" with. Destroying your peace. Destroying your joy.

So what do you do? God's Word gives us a promise in 1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins to Him (God), he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." (NLT)

To eliminate the sin BEE we must confess it and God will forgive us and cleanse us from it (get rid of it) because He is faithful to keep His promises and God is just. Christ died for our sins fulfilling God's justice and taking away our guilt and death from the sin. So...the sin BEE quits buzzing. We cannot hide our sin, ignore our sin, or "coexist" with our sin. It's there, buzzing and buzzing and we must eliminate it. Completely.



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Proverbs 28:13 says “People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.” (NLT)

A can of Bug Spray has instructions for eliminating the pests. Follow these instructions for eliminating the sin BEE: 1. Recognize your sin. 2. Confess and Turn from your sin. 3. Receive God’s forgiveness and mercy.

Confess it, Don’t ignore it. Don’t try to “coexist” with it. You must eliminate it. SWAT! BAM! And when another sin BEE comes buzzing? Follow the instructions again. Recognize it. Confess it. Receive forgiveness. Follow the steps over and over.

Now back to that old BEE on my deck. How to eliminate it? Well, a nice can of bug spray will do the trick. Aim and spray. Straight shot. BAM! Problem gone. Peace and joy restored.

Now if I can only bring myself to use it...

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