

Pastor's Corner

My Hummingbird

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Dear Friends,

I have this little hummingbird that has been my neighbor for this winter. Usually hummers fly south, but this little guy has decided to hang out here. Every time I open my door, I hear him singing. I don't know why he sings. He has no friends around here, there is not a flower in sight, it's cold, it's frequently windy and rainy, and there are no little female hummers around. The list goes on and on. The only thing that seems to be in his favor is that I have a hummingbird feeder that I keep filled up just for him. Maybe that's why he sings. He's happy about the feeder.



If I were to take a look at his life from a human perspective, that feeder is nice, but there's a lot of other things that are a cause for concern. I've mentioned a few real difficulties above, and they're not imaginary. They're real! And if we wanted to list the possible difficulties that may arise in the next couple months, the list of problems only grows. A drought killing all the flowers, his next nest falls out of the tree, a cat eats his babies, or even no little wife for him this summer. A hawk eats him, he flies into a window and breaks his wing, or Mark forgets to fill his feeder. . . Oh my, I have no idea why he even bothers to sing! If I were a little hummer, I'd have a lot to worry about, wouldn't you?

Jesus told His disciples one day to stop and think about the little birds, just as we're doing right now. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" [Matthew 6:25-27](#).

Worrying doesn't do a bit of good, so don't do it, is what Jesus is saying. And, He points out; we should look at the birds, and see how they live a worry free life. Find something, even if it's just one thing, to be thankful for, just like my little hummer, who seems to ignore all his problems, both real and imaginary, and rejoices in his one blessing. Focus on your blessing, and let God take care of the problems.

Have a worry-free day! We're praying for you!

Mark