

Title: "Jesus and Purple Martins"

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Greetings all,

Someone from the global Immanuel Approach community sent me a description of a fun session. I thought an excerpt from it would bless the rest of you. (Shared with permission.)

"I started with a positive memory from yesterday evening, watching the purple Martins soar around. We were at my pastor's house with him and his wife on the back porch. I saw these purple martin nesting boxes two houses down and asked if they had purple martins. They said they didn't know as they didn't know what they looked like....But as I sat there looking out at the yard and sky, there were lots of purple martins flying around, soaring in the sky.

I invited Jesus in, and saw him there, larger than life, standing there and holding his hand out to a bird who sat on his finger. Jesus said that as opposed to the pastor who didn't know if there were or weren't purple martins, he not only knew about them, but knew each bird. That was meaningful, but soon my thoughts got distracted about the verse where not one sparrow falls to the ground without God. I was about to write "without God knowing," but it seems like the majority of translations say "Not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father."

Anyhow, right along those lines, Jesus told me some stuff. I'd said it was unfair for him to know the birds like that and then not care enough to protect them and just let them die. He said that the biggest matter wasn't living or dying, but being with God or not. He was with the birds that fell. Being with God and knowing and being known by God is the essence of eternal life, not physical life itself.

Then I was a bit worried about death and why was Jesus talking to me about death and was someone I loved about to die? Jesus didn't seem to think so particularly. He said that as long as I fear death, I can't really fully live. It's like each fear of death is a little suitcase full of death that I carry around. The less of that I have, the more I can really "live" (even if I would actually die sometime in the future, but the main emphasis was that I could live more fully and freely now)."

Blessings,

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