

REMEMBER THE DUCK

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods but could never hit the target. Getting discouraged, he headed back to dinner.

As he was walking back, he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let fly, hitting the duck square in the head and killing it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woodpile, only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all but said nothing.

After lunch the next day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today, didn't you, Johnny?" Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing. Grandma said, "I'm sorry, but I need Sally to help me make supper."

Sally smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." Again she whispered, "Remember the duck?" Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help his Grandma.

After several days of Johnny doing both his and Sally's chores, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he killed the duck. She knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

I don't know what's in your past. I don't know what one sin the enemy keeps throwing up in your face. But whatever it is, I want you to know something. Jesus Christ was standing in the window and saw the whole thing. But because he loves you, he is ready to forgive you. Perhaps he's wondering how long you'll let the enemy make a slave out of you.

The great thing about God is that he not only forgives, he also forgets. All he wants is for you to ask for and accept his forgiveness. Confess your sins to him and go free. You don't have to remain a slave. He has called you to be his son or daughter. He wants you to be part of his Family.

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