



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“God does not need your abilities. He wants your availability, usability and dependability

The Persistent Spider

“Itsy bitsy spider went up the waterspout. Down came the rain and washed the spider out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain and the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.”

In the past, I have written about [ants](#) and [bagworms](#) that invaded our home. Click the links to view them on the website. “It is estimated that there are some 10 quintillion individual insects alive. Recent figures indicate that there are more than 200 million insects for each human on the planet.”¹

This time God inspired me with a spider that would not give up. “A study looked at how many spiders are found in any given area and estimated there were about 130 spiders in each square meter of the earth.”² “On average, 61.84 spiders can be found per home There is probably a spider within reach of you right now.”³

The biggest spider I have seen was in my kitchen sink. It had a body size of a quarter. I had to go after it with a large knife. My Granddaughters totally freak-out when they see even a speck sized spider. A fear of spiders is called arachnophobia. The movie, by the same name, scared me for years. According to [Psycom.net/fear of spiders](#) “There are more than 63,000 spider species which only 2% are dangerous.”

“Did you know that most spiders have eight eyes but despite all of those eyes, though, many don’t see very well... Without spiders to eat pests harmful to agriculture, it’s thought that our food supply would be put at risk. ..Spiders listen to the silk strands of their like string instruments in order to find their prey.”⁴ “Some varieties of spider silk are five times as strong as an equal mass of steel and twice as strong as an equal mass of Kevlar.” One such web, reported in 2007 at [Lake Tawakoni State Park](#) in Texas, measured 200 yards across. “Most spiders live for only one to two years, although some tarantulas can live in captivity for over 30 years and can measure up to 11 inches.”⁵

Last month, I saw a large spider web between my car’s outside mirror and the side window. My wife took the below picture before I cleaned it off. The next morning, it was there again. I cleaned it off again. The next day it was there again. Because we were going on a trip, I went to a car wash. It did not come off in the wash so I removed it. We then drove over 100 miles. The next morning, you guessed it. Now four times that spider spent all night making his big web. He survived a high-pressure car wash and wind up to 65 miles an hour. I could never find him. So, I finally gave up and left the spider and his web alone.

One of my favorite verses is Phil 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” This verse gives me the confidence, assurance, and persistence that I, yes I. can have unbelievable strength to do what I believe God wants me to do. Despite the obstacles, hardships, and impossibilities God will use me to get it done. “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” IS 40:31. Whether you are flying, running, or walking do not give up. Be like the spider and try, try, try again.



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Don't play Kick the Can by saying I can't.
Pick it up and say “With God’s help, yes I can.”
Start every morning saying “God, you can use me.”



[Watch](#) how amazing a spider web is made. Yes, you can.

¹www.si.edu/spotlight/buginfo/bugnos#...³riotfest.org/2017/03/spiders-found-100-homes-eat-us/#;
²www.stewarttermiteandpestcontrol.com/how-many-spiders-are-there-in-the-whole-world-how-to-get-rid-of-spiders-in-your-erie-pa-home/ ⁴www.ranker.com/list/10-amazing-things-about-spiders/analise.dubner ⁵www.livescience.com/39963-tarantula.html

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