

A Message From a Mallard

KING DUCK "QUACK QUACK"

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In 2011, I went to sleep thinking about an upcoming speaking engagement. As I was waking up, this very short dream ran through my head. I know it was from the Lord because it has been a blessing to our ministry, and to many others, since then.

It is a warning to us to make sure that we communicate clearly when we talk to unbelievers.

The Dream:

I walked across a basement room. The window was on ground level. I looked out and saw a pair of wild, mallard ducks. They were both very upset. The female was trying to protect a bunch of tiny babies, while the male was rushing around in circles and jumping up against the neighbours' fence.

This was all in a very narrow area between the two houses. It was partly enclosed by a wire fence at one end.

I first thought, "I had better get out there and close off the front part of that area, before a dog or wild animal can kill them."

The next thought was a simple, quiet one of understanding. These ducks were wild, with no experience of being penned up for their own safety. Farm ducks would accept a pen, because they know that a pen means that they will be fed and protected.

These wild ducks had no understanding about human care, just like the unsaved have no understanding of God's great love. I was speaking in human; they were thinking in duck. Then I woke up.

I have put a lot of thought into this simple, little story. How are we presenting the salvation message? Are we speaking words that will be understood? Or are we using words that are totally foreign to the uninitiated? We may be speaking in English, or whatever we speak, but is it like speaking human to a wild duck that speaks only DUCK?

Many older folks use only the King James version of the Bible. The unsaved and the unchurched do not think with thee's and thou's and such. In this case, a Bible that is written in "King Duck" would be very different from the King James.

We need to check the way we are present our message when we are witnessing, or just casually talking. We need to be careful that we don't speak human to a duck.

I read an article from my collection of study books, which mentioned that, for the most part, people have no idea of the meaning of the parable of the Good Shepherd. Most have never seen a real sheep. My study book was written in 1983, so this is even truer today.

How many stories and illustrations do most of us use that are completely lost on those whom we are trying to reach? We need to start each day praying for the people whom we might meet and talk to in the hours to come. Ask the Lord to give you the right words that will be understood and received by whomever you talk to. Otherwise, we may as well be saying, "Quack, quack, quack!"



"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it."

John 3:16 & 17 NASB



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