

Nature Up Close: Transformation

As I was working in my **garden** tonight, I was delighted to see five **caterpillars** (I think they're monarchs) on my dill plant! What a treat to get such a close-up view of them doing what they do best—eating. I love observing the small, often unseen creatures in nature. As you may or may not know, the tag line to Only By Prayer says “where the sacred and everyday meet.” When I take time to stop and intently look at the little things in life, that is one way I am ushering the sacred into the everyday.



I ran into the house to get my camera to capture these fascinating critters. Take a look below. I was able to capture it in mid-bite!

<http://youtu.be/RJTLZcVbrbo>

The life cycle of the caterpillar and its metamorphosis into a **butterfly** (or moth) is a wonderful analogy to our lives with **Christ**. When we give Him control of our lives, He is able to **transform** our lives into a thing of beauty – to a degree that we would never be able to attain on our own. It does take some work on our part, though. Just like the caterpillars are munching away gluttonously to fuel their transformation, we also need to be taking in God's word and participating in spiritual disciplines to grow. God has put the food in front of us, but if we don't eat it, we'll never realize the potential that He has given to each one of us.

Let's munch away today!

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