

# WEEDS

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## Seeing the holy in the common place

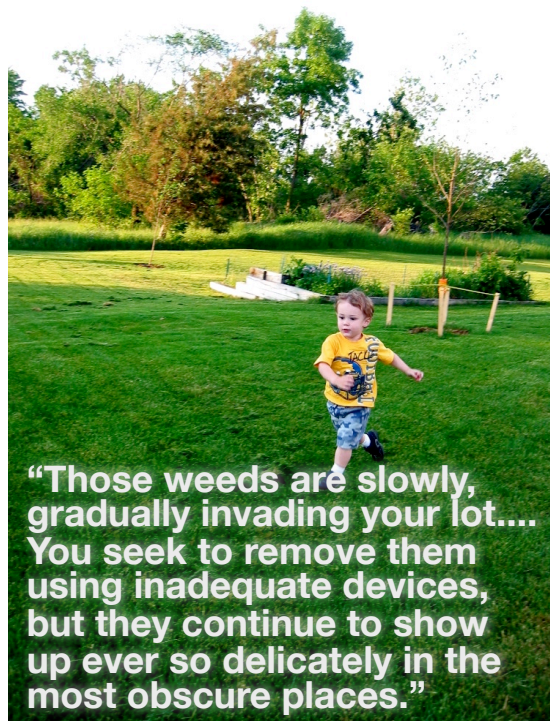
ISN'T IT AWESOME the way the Holy Spirit communicates with us sometimes? He can take the most mundane details of our everyday routines and turn them into spiritual lessons to which we can share and bless others with, and be blessed with ourselves.

Just the other day, I was out mowing the backyard. Now realize that when we moved into the house, the backyard resembled a jungle. It consisted of tons of overgrown bushes, volunteer trees, weeds of all sorts, and that which could be construed as grass if you were viewing it from an airplane high above. Beneath it all sat a pathetic retaining wall which no longer retained. With the help of many, we proceeded to remove it using a skid loader, chain saws, and various other machinery. The sheer brush filled two massive dumpsters, not including the rocks from the aforementioned "retaining wall." We then had built a new retaining wall, planted new grass, and all that remained was a beautifully landscaped and much larger backyard where the kids could run and play. But I digress.

As I was mowing, I noticed weeds from the next door neighbors' own little jungle overtaking an obscure corner of our lot. This has slowly been growing for the past four years over to our side, and I usually mow over what I can. Nevertheless, those weeds are still gradually invading. Then the Holy Spirit speaks up with an explanation of the illustration He put before me.

He says, "Those weeds are slowly, gradually invading your lot. You are not of this world, just as those weeds are not of your property. They represent the things of this world to which you have no inheritance in. You seek to remove them using inadequate devices, but they continue to show up ever so delicately in the most obscure places. Finally, by the time you do notice them, they have already overtaken your very being, and have turned you into the ugliness that is this world. But rejoice in knowing

that I am your Comforter and Shield. Come unto me and I will show you the weeds of your life, that I may devour them and leave only the beautiful landscape that is My overflowing Spirit. Only then can I show the world what was once the overgrown and rough terrain, now resides the awesome and



alluring nature that can only be found in Me."

I just stood there with the lawnmower running for a few minutes reflecting on the awestruck lesson I had just learned. Therefore, I am asking you today to ask the Holy Spirit to identify the weeds of your lives, that He may remove the filth invading you, and leave only the beauty of His image which we were originally created in.

Spiritual reflections and revelations gained while lawn mowing