



The Butterfly Lesson

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon. A man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been.

We could never fly.

Mary Kay Dreams, Rainbows, and Roses **by Independent Sales Director Loretta Jessee** **of Swords Creek, VA**

Roses aren't only red,
Violets aren't only blue.
They are many shades of the rainbow,
Many with a different hue.
Each one is a little different in it's beauty to view.

Dreams aren't all the same for me or for you.
They are just a little different like the flowers' lovely hue.
They are carved in colors, shaped in your heart.
This makes them special and sets them apart.
For now they're unique, individual just like each of you.
God gave you the ability to dream.
Now what you do with that dream is up to you.

**Don't forget
Mother's Day
is May 11th.
There are some
great ideas in
the Training
Center!**

**Have A Happy
Mother's Day!**

"It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are."

- E. E. Cummings