



## Monday Matters August 6, 2012

### Under His Wings

As a kid I always enjoyed looking at the National Geographic magazine. It showed places all over the world that I would never in my lifetime. The magazine also had very interesting articles about nature. A few years ago an article showed the after affects of a forest fire. It is contained in the next two paragraphs:  
*After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, the ranger knocked over the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under the dead mother's wings.*

*The loving mother, keenly aware of the impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. Then the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would.*  
What love!

### No Greater Love



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### Quote of the Week

There is no greater love than this. There is no greater gift that can ever be given. To be willing to die, so another might live -- there is no greater love than this."

----Steven Curtis Chapman

Over the past couple of weeks our attention has been drawn to the theater shooting in Aurora, Colorado. Many stories have come out over these days. One news article especially caught my eye. It said, *Jon Blunk had served in the Navy and was planning to re-enlist. On Friday, the 26-year-old took his girlfriend, Jansen Young, to see the "Dark Knight".*

*When the assault began, Young says he saved her life. "Jon just took a bullet for me," Young said in an interview on 'Today'. "He knew and threw me on the ground, and was like, 'We have to get down and stay down.'"*

While Holmes walked up and down the aisles shooting, Young says her boyfriend was a constant presence, pushing her further under the seats and out of the line of fire. Finally, as the shots slowed, she crawled out and attempted to pull up Blunk by the shoulder, but he didn't move. He sacrificed his life for her.

What love!

Psalm 91:4 says, "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge."

John 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

Being loved this much should make a difference in your life. Being under His wings, what love! Remember the One who loves you and died for you, and then be different because of it.

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**Bethel Dream Center**

The website has been updated.

Check it out.

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