

*My soul finds rest in God alone...*

PSALM 62:1



*Exodus 18:20 And you should teach them the statutes and the laws and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do.*

*Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go I will guide you with my eye.*

*Proverbs 9:9 Instruct the wise and they will be wiser, teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.*

Wherever we travel or wander we always enjoy God's creation and wonderful arts! Last summer we were camping in Oklahoma. I arose from sleep and decided to take a walk in the early morning fog around the lake. I hadn't gone very far when I noticed geese honking like they were having a party!! All sizes and ages of geese were gathering in the swim area of the park. I knew from science that geese work together and help each other, but this morning I learned a whole lot more, lessons that could benefit any Christian. Work with me here as I give you the goose lesson and you think what lesson God's kids could learn from it. The first thing I noticed was the large goose who seemed to be the authority, it honked loudly and with great strength. I sat down, with my mouth hanging open as I watched all the geese begin to assemble. They got into small groups, it looked like age groups. Each small group had a leader goose, which was an older, bigger goose. That goose seemed to be taking instruction from the main leader. It was nothing short of breath

taking when the groups all separated after getting their orders from the main goose. There may have been a hundred geese, I've never seen so many in one spot.

Tears came to my eyes as I thanked God for sharing geese with me that day and teaching me many things. The biggest group of geese went farthest from the swim area, they all listened to their leader honk different tones that must have been directions. They appeared to follow directions given as they swam some and then lifted off into the air, and yes all of them got into the V formation! They flew far away.

As I sat there in wonder, another group of mid-size geese began to swim in a curved line following their leader, it seemed the leader told them directions to go and whether to speed up or slow down. At one time, it looked like one goose circled round and pulled a straggler back into the swim line with the others.

The cutest little group of geese stayed in the shallow water in the swim area, it looked like the teacher goose was showing them how to dive in and catch minnows. They honked and circled up several times. Those little ones were precious and acted just like little children, often one would head away from the group, and always the bigger one would honk loudly and the small one would return to the group. I can think of a few times in my life that I wish a big goose had pulled me back in line!

Here are some thoughts I had during this lesson last summer and now as I am trying to perfect my scribbled story.

1. Geese use the V form to make the trip easier, it is 70% easier than flying alone.
2. Every goose can be seen and can see where they are going.
3. If a goose feels friction he knows to move back into formation to get the lift.
4. If the front goose gets tired, another goose will fill in, if we would ask for help sometimes life wouldn't be so hard on us.
5. Geese honk to encourage the leader and others to keep up their speed.
6. If one goose is sick or wounded, two others drop out of formation to stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again.
7. Geese don't vary their flight migration route year after year. Stick to Jesus and your flight destination will be heaven.

Jesus is my Hero, but there are many people who were and are the wind beneath my wings. Click on picture to play Wind Beneath my Wings by Bette Middler



I hope I have conveyed this fun lesson well enough that you too can “see” the things we can learn from a silly goose. I pray that you might find a way to find your inner goose, listen to God’s words, and fly higher than you ever imagined you could.