



## Christian Handbags & Accessories

**Change is in air!**

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As evident by this particular newsletter, we love dragonflies! Dragonflies are an important symbol to us here at Living Water Creations so we thought we'd share with you the story behind this little creature and how God used them to encourage us on our journey.

I must first give you a brief science lesson on the dragonfly so you can further understand what God was showing us when we were constantly graced with the presence of dragonflies during our formation stage. (Seriously, everywhere we went we would see dragonflies buzzing around). Please bear with me as I present the lifespan of the dragonfly.

Dragonflies are arthropods, which basically means they are animals with an external skeleton and no backbone. The eggs are laid with a protective substance that enables the eggs to attach to rocks or foliage in the water, preventing them from sinking or being washed away in the water.

In the larva stage, they do most of their growing, developing their organs and everything necessary to sustain life to become a mature winged insect. Their appetites are insatiable as they spend their time

in the water. They must repeatedly shed their skin and grow new skin which makes them extremely vulnerable to the surrounding environment. Once the growth is completed and the circumstances are right, they climb up the stem of a plant, grab tightly with their claws, and laboriously break out of their casing. Immediately upon emergence, blood is pumped through the new dragonfly, expanding their body and wing-buds, transforming the wings into beautiful face-like appendages ready for flight. After those final details are completed, off they fly to explore the new world that was just opened up for a great adventure.

After our research on dragonflies was complete, we knew God was encouraging and showing us the metamorphosis our business and lives would soon start going through. In the very beginning, God revealed two landmark scriptures to cling to: Proverbs 34-5 which states, "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him

and He will direct your paths" and Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and all these things shall be added to you". During this stage, we felt a birthing time upon us to take our hobby of sewing customized handbags into an operating business with real customers. Like the dragonfly in the water with its protective covering, we too would be covered by God's grace to move forward and grow if we allowed ourselves to be attached to the Rock. As our handbag orders increased (most were ordered with embroidered scripture), we knew God was showing us something huge. However, it was something beyond our knowledge and wisdom to accomplish. We prayed daily and held on to the promises He gave us in the two scriptures. We knew God would direct our paths and add what we needed in order to fulfill the vision. Wheew, what a relief! That takes a whole lot of stress off a situation knowing God is in control, let me tell you.

As the vision became more clear, we entered our growing stage (sounds better than the larva stage). We researched handbag manufacturers, how to have

products shipped from overseas, etc. Wow, what a cool God we serve! He supplied all the information and wisdom we needed to have our bags manufactured and prepared for merchandising. Even though that was a few sentences to describe a 9 month process, we daily had to "shed our skin" and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us so we did not become vulnerable to the schemes of the enemy. We did not want to be outside our protective covering God had provided. Our appetite was (and still is) insatiable for the Word of God, knowing that His Word is life sustaining and necessary in order to survive the trials that will come our way. The exciting thing is that the emerging phase is inevitable. When the time is right and the circumstances are suitable, God will continue to grow His vision for Living Water Creations through two women who have made themselves available. We will climb to the top of the "plant", grab tightly with our hearts, and emerge. We have only just begun the adventure!



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