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### Vacation Time

A vacation should be a time of freedom, a time to travel, perhaps...but definitely a time to see things in a new light. Did you know that the word “vacation” even comes from a Latin word meaning “freedom from something”?

When I was talking to a friend about his up and coming trip, he mentioned that he was going to Niagara Falls and how incomprehensible its size is.

“Yes,” I agreed, “I remember going there as a child and didn’t really understand how big it was until I saw a tire going over the edge.”

And I was reminded of Our Father and Jesus: for without the comparison of the unknown with the familiar, the unknown is often incomprehensible.

*“I am in the Father and the Father is me,”* [Jn. 14:11]

said Jesus.

*“If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.”* [Jn. 14:9]

Which only leads me to consider the enormity of the task of comprehending the Falls without seeing the tire in them. It would either take an incredible amount of

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inner vision...or...not at all. That is to say, it would either have to be seen with the mind's eye or simply accepted on faith.

Of course, Jesus went on to say,

*“Blessed are they that have not seen and yet believe.”* [Jn. 20:29]

And maybe that's because these blessed people don't have to be at a particular place at a particular time (like, at the Falls when the tire went over); and they don't have to spend their time “envisioning” something, either.

They are truly free.

And, after all, that's what vacations are for.

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