

## **The Adventures of Larry and Lisa Lizard**

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My husband and I recently moved into a new rental home in Florida. Between unpacking boxes, working, and settling inside the home, we have just been overwhelmed with the move, which is normal when moving to a new place. We noticed our human being neighbors waving to us as we go in and out on our daily working, errand-running, and unpacking-settling-into-a-new-place-life. The other two legged winged with feathers and the four-legged scaly small lizards welcomed us to our new home as well. After moving in the home we saw two lizards running and walking across the yard, which was not too surprising to us. We have seen the same kinds of lizards in the yard of the former apartment home we lived in. There were two small lizards that were especially welcoming to our new home by scurrying across our sidewalk and driveway. I decided to give them names of *Larry and Lisa Lizard*: the Lizard family.

The reason the Lizard family was intriguing to me was one day my husband told me one of the lizards were inside the garage. My husband was clearing out a space in the garage for his Ham radio shack, and he moved a box from a shelf and there was one of the lizards looking up at him. I said to my husband, laughing, “It is one of the family members from the Lizard, it is Larry Lizard, and he just wanted to see who is living here now.” Laughing at me, my husband replied, “Yes, I guess so.” The next day I was driving into the driveway of our garage and I saw one of the Lizard family member running across the drive and onto the front walkway. Just the position of stopping on the walkway to the front door entertained the thought this was Lisa Lizard, the wife of Larry Lizard. Larry observed my husband in the garage, and Lisa viewed me as I was driving into the garage and stopped on the walkway a few minutes. I said to my husband, “The Lizard family is truly wanting to know us.” Little did I know how close they wanted to get to know us better.

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A couple days ago, I was sitting at my desk inside my office and my eyes caught a look at something in the window. As I adjust my eyes to focus more clearly on the blinds of the window, I saw a small tail and hand of an animal between the window blinds. Then I rose from my desk and chair (very slowly I did not know what it was), and walked around to get a better view of what was hanging between the blinds in the window. As I walked closer to the window, I saw a small head sticking out of the blinds with four legs and a tail attached to it. It was one of the members of the Lizard family. I would like to say it was Larry Lizard because I think he would not send his wife on such a dangerous mission. I must say I have never encountered an animal such as Larry Lizard, no matter how small. I respect all Creations of the Heavenly Father, but this was a new experience for me. My husband was working and I texted and sent him photos of Larry. As I was fearfully viewing Larry and wondering how I was going to get him out of the house, I began to pray to the Most High and Exalted One for His answer, guidance, and direction in this situation. While praying to Yahweh Elohim, He directed me to go online to Google “How to get a lizard out of the house?” So after reading how to do this, I began the actions of trying to remove Larry from my office in the house. Again I walked closer to the window blinds and the rush of anxiety of dealing with a small lizard inside the home came back, but this time with the Holy Spirit of the Heavenly Father to give me courage and boldness with respect for Larry. Walking toward Larry, I kept praying to the Most High and Exalted One and saying to Larry, “I am not going to hurt you, I just want you to return to your home safely to Lisa your wife.” Larry and Lisa Lizard had been living around this house many years before my husband and I moved in and occupied it. Slowly, I turned the blinds to open and I saw Larry moved into the corner of the window. Next, I had a small bucket to catch him just in case he wanted to jump off the blinds so he could jump into the bucket. Then, I raised the window just enough for Larry to run down

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toward the bottom of the window into the window sill. I closed the window, and now Larry is between the class window and the window screen. I walked around outside the house to see if I could open the screen from the outside to help Larry escape freely from this predicament, but the screen would not open. I texted my husband to inform him of Larry's and my situation. The next day, Wednesday, my husband was off work, and I said to him, "Come and see Larry inside the window!" My husband and I walked over and did not see him, and we thought he had found a way out on his own. Then the day got busy with unpacking more boxes, putting up pictures, cleaning, and organizing the home and somehow Larry had slipped our minds as we continued working. I walked inside the office to do some work, and heard the doorbell rang. It was the delivery people bringing our new washer and dryer because for the past month we had been going to the Laundromat to wash and dry our clothes. My husband assisted the people with the washer and dryer and I continued working in the office. The next thing I saw while looking at the window was Larry crawling up from the window sill where he had been all night. I called to my husband, "Honey, Larry is still here in the window!" After the delivery people had set up the appliances, my husband and I went to work to solve the Larry Lizard removal problem. We figured that the screen comes out when the window is raised completely to the top. So with the bucket in hand again, my husband and I raised the window to the top as far it could go, and I with the bucket at the window screen to catch Larry if he wanted to jump back into the house. Larry wanted to get out of the house just as much as we wanted him to get out because he crawled to the top of the screen just were we needed to free him. My husband removed the screen with Larry clinging on and I gently tapped the screen to knock Larry to the ground. My husband and I, and I felt Larry did too, gave a sigh of relief from finally becoming free and back on his way to his wife Lisa Lizard.

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All this commotion and emotions were effecting my ability to concentrate on my school work and I got behind in doing my assignment. I usually do my Discussion Board Forum work all day on Wednesdays, but this particular Wednesday was filled with much activities, some planned and some unplanned.

The Most High and Exalted One the Heavenly Father taught me two Spiritual lessons from this adventure with Larry and Lisa Lizard. The first lesson learned is when I am in fear, and before, during, and after my fears, I should go to the Heavenly Father in prayer. While in my fear of not knowing what to do or not do, during my fear of the unknown of what Larry Lizard may do or may not do, and in my fear of how to solve this situation I prayed for the Holy Spirit of the Most High and Exalted One to give me a peace through my fear. The Most High and Exalted One, He comforted my fear of Larry Lizard by instructing me to respect all His creations. The Heavenly Father directed me to speak to Larry Lizard in a loving way of telling him I was not going to hurt him and I respect all of GOD'S creation. Yes, this was difficult at first because all I saw initially was Larry Lizard, his legs, his body shape, and wondering if he was going to hurt me or my husband. I learned the shape and form of a person's body, ethnicity, color, vocal accent, where he or she comes from does not constitute his heart, mind, soul, and spirit. Larry probably was just as fearful as I was of him being inside the house and both our goals were the same: How do Larry get out of the house? The second lesson I learned is sometimes when a person is consistently emotionally or physically or spiritually hurtful we should not allow him or her into our "Spiritual Space." Spiritual Space is precious, and it is where the Heavenly Father meets us in our time of crying out to Him. Our Spiritual Space is special time of devotion to Him, and our Spiritual Space is special intimate time with Him. There are moments in our life that hurtful people "invade" our Spiritual Space because they will knowing or unknowingly

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sabotage the sweetness of our Spiritual Space relationship with the Heavenly Father. This is why when Larry Lizard was between the glass window and the window screen, Larry was in a place of indecision and captivity. People who do not have a relationship with the LORD Almighty is like the window sill Larry of not knowing why or how to get out of their unpleasant situation. We prevent Larry-window-sill people from creating an emotional spasm in our life by surrounding ourselves with Spiritual Space of the Word of the LORD. This will take much practice of reading, doing, and living the Word of the Most High and Exalted One, but the Holy Spirit will give comfort, guidance, and direction. How do we assist Larry-window-sill people to become free from their emotional, physical, or financial dilemma? I would like to suggest from my experience with Larry Lizard that the person pray to the Heavenly Father for help through the Holy Spirit for GOD'S spiritual power of FREEDOM – **Faithfulness of Repentance and Encouragement** through **Endurance** obtaining **Discernment** to **Overcome** with **Mercy**.

### **Deuteronomy 31:8 (NKJV)**

And the Lord, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will **not** leave you nor forsake you; **do not fear** nor be dismayed.”

### **Lamentations 3:56-58 (NKJV)**

<sup>56</sup> You have heard my voice:

“Do not hide Your ear  
From my sighing, from my cry for help.”

<sup>57</sup> You drew near on the day I called on You,  
And said, “Do not fear!”

<sup>58</sup> O Lord, You have pleaded the case for my soul;  
You have redeemed my life.