

Robin and the Arrows

In one scene from the popular movie *Robin Hood, The Prince of Thieves*, Kevin Costner as Robin comes to a young man taking aim at an archery target.

Robin asks, “Can you shoot amid distractions?”

Just before the boy releases the string, Robin pokes his ear with the feathers of an arrow. The boy’s shot flies high by several feet.



After the laughter of those watching dies down, Maid Marian, standing behind the boy, asks Robin, “Can you?”

Robin Hood raises his bow and takes aim. Just at the moment he releases the arrow, Maid Marian leans beside him and flirtatiously blows into his face. The arrow misses the target, glances off the tree behind it, and nearly hits a bystander.

The incident on the screen is a reminder to all of us. Distractions come in all types. They may interfere with our focus on, and our commitment to, our work, relationships, personal and professional development, and even our leadership responsibilities.

It’s true in the spiritual realm as well. Whether distractions are painful or pleasant, the result is the same: We miss the mark God has set for us.

But thanks be to God for His amazing grace!

– Beecher Hunter