

## The Bee Stings

Alan Mairson wrote an article for *National Geographic* about beekeepers who raise and transport bees for a living. He told the story of Jeff and Christine Anderson and how their daughter overcame an allergy to bee stings.

To build up her immunity, doctors administered a series of injections to Rachel over a four-month period. But, in order to maintain immunity, she needed a shot or a bee sting every six weeks over several years.

So every six weeks, Rachel's parents would go outside and catch a bee. Then, as Rachel recalls, "Mom would take hold of my arm and roll my sleeve up. Then my Dad would make the bee mad and stick it on me and count to 10 before he took the stinger out. But it worked. Now when I accidentally get stung, it barely swells, it barely hurts."

In a world full of bees, a loving father must not shield his child from every sting. In fact, for the child's own good, the father must at times induce pain.

What's happening in your life today? Are you experiencing some setback or crisis that hurts -- maybe even hurts really bad? Your Heavenly Father may be doing a good work in you so that other trials down the road will be much easier to handle.

--Beecher Hunter