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Weebles wobble, but they don't fall down

Do you remember the child's toy called 'Weebles'? It was a little egg shaped character weighted at the bottom. So when you pushed it over, it came straight back up. Hence the phrase 'Weebles wobble, but they don't fall down'.

I want to concentrate on that little, but significant word '**But**'.

But, is a very important little word; the Weebles remind me that the only difference between disaster and success, is the word, but!

For example: The survivor who says, "I would have been killed, **but!**" The businessman who says, "I nearly went bust, **but!** The football team minutes away from defeat, **but**, were awarded a penalty.

As I write this article on New Years Eve 2011, and as I look ahead to Easter Sunday 2012 on the 8th of April; I am reminded that the whole of Christian history is punctuated by lots of little '**but**s'; Jesus was crucified, **but**, was raised from the dead on the third day; 'As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live...**But** because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions' (Ephesians 2.1, 4-5).

Personally speaking, my life was heading nowhere, spiritually lost, hopeless, faithless; **But**, God. Just like the Weeble, I wobbled **but** didn't fall down because of God. There have been many people, who have wobbled, **but**, the grace of God has brought them back up again. The last year for many has been one of uncertainty about jobs, finance, pensions, cuts to public services; we face many pressures in life. Whatever the year holds, Whatever the day brings, I want you to know that God never abandons you, never gives up, never lets you fall beyond His love or power.

May God grant each one of us a year of divine **but**s. So when we look back next year; you too will be able to say: this happened, it nearly happened, it would have happened, '**But God**'.

God's Richest Blessings to you and yours for 2012

David