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Gaining Compassion



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By our afflictions we are often made more compassionate unto others who endure similar troubles. Those that have been sick are apt to pity those whom they see pained with the like diseases. Those who have been imprisoned more readily compassionate, and accordingly help and relieve those who are restrained. They who

have been pinched with debt and pined with hunger do above others pity them who, being poor, want food to feed them and clothes to cover them. This was one reason why God laid upon our Saviour Himself so many afflictions, that Jesus might be able sufficiently to have compassion on them that are ignorant, because He was compassed with infirmity.

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Is Anything Too Hard for God?

Bill Brinkworth

When 90-year old Sarah overheard that she one day would have a child, she did what many of us do when what we think there is an “impossible” situation; we doubt God. The Lord’s response to her husband, Abraham, was one that we all need to remember when we face a challenge or problem that we believe has no positive outcome; “Is anything too hard for the Lord? ...” (Gen. 18:14).

Although some situations we may be facing may be intended to turn us to God or to strengthen us, some are opportunities for God to get the glory so that others can see what He can do. Like Sarah, however, sometimes we are so overcome with what we are facing that we forget who God really is, and what He can do.

He is the great God that created this universe and all that is in it! We often say that glibly and do not realize what that means.

The universe is filled with billions of stars, including other

galaxies and their suns. These suns, including our own, burn and burn, yet in most cases, do not diminish in power and size. Some of these stars are so large that one is 300 times the size of our sun; and one sun is recorded to burn 10 million times brighter than our sun. As massive and as uncountable as the bodies are that occupy our universe, our God created them all in one day (Genesis 1:16)!



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The Grateful Vine

Bowden

“What beautiful fruit you bear!” said a little flower to the vine with purple grapes.

“I am very truly thankful for them,” answered the vine modestly.

“They are so ornamental; and besides they make you so much more profitable,” observed the little flower.

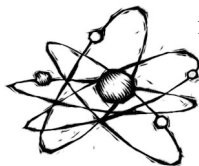
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The same God that created the universe also created our earth. He created the air we breathe, and all that breathe it and rely on it. Our complex bodies do thousands of processes every second of every day we are alive. Cells replace and fix themselves. Hormones and other chemicals are produced to meet many of the body's special needs. Harmful "intruders" are normally destroyed, and the damage they do to our bodies is repaired; and this is done without our even knowing it. What machine has man created that on average can run 70 years without any major overhauls? God's creation, man, has been doing that since the first man was created. Complex man and God's other creations were also made in one day!

Our God who made the largest, and most complex creatures, also made creatures that are so small that we do not even have inventions to see them. All that we see, and touch is composed of tiny building blocks called atoms. These atoms are so small that only recently could man see some of them with a scanning tunnel microscope. Yet, these tiny creations are composed of other building blocks: electrons,



neutrons and protons. These tiny "construction materials" are composed of even tinier particles called quarks. All these "invisible" building blocks were also created in one day.

Yet this awesome Creator, who is keeping all that He created in perfect working order every millisecond of the day, is also interested in the needs and desires of His man-creation. For those that are believing and trusting in what God has done to ensure that they spend an eternity with Him (salvation), this same God will hear their pleas and meet their needs.

After being reminded of all God has done and is still doing, our minute needs seem so insignificant and unimportant; yet the Creator still cares about them. Our unbearable hardships can easily be dealt with and remedied if a child of God will go to Him to alter or help him accept the situation. Broken families and relationships can be healed, when God is called upon. Diseases and physical needs have also been met when God has intervened. If it is God's will, there is nothing that is impossible with God. Child of God, go to Him with all your cares!

The Grateful Vine

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"And yet, notwithstanding, I rebelled against the only means which could render me really fruitful," replied the vine.

"Then, is it not natural for vines to yield fruit?" asked the little flower with some wonder.

"I confess for myself," said the vine humbly, "that though I produced abundance of green leaves, there was found very little fruit of any good quality. Vines are apt to degenerate."

"What is necessary then?" inquired the flower.

"Proper training, and careful pruning," said the vine.

"What is pruning?" asked the little flower.

"Shortening the branches; cutting off, and taking away all that would only grow to waste," replied the vine. "Ah! It was against that use of the pruner's sharp knife that I hated! It greatly humbled me, too. I looked so shorn and so short afterwards."

"And what then?" asked the little flower deeply interested.

"Then, after awhile, new shoots appeared, which are those branches now bearing; but still the knife is often required, in order to keep down a running disposition, and to strengthen the formed fruit."

"Very wonderful!" said the little flower in admiration.

**"Behold, I am the LORD,
the God of all flesh: is there
anything too hard for me."
Jeremiah 32:27**

"But who would have thought that such severe wounding could have such results, and become such a blessing".

God's Raven

F. B. Meyers

A little boy, having read with his mother the story of how God fed Elijah by the ravens, sat on a wintry night in a fireless room beside a bare table. With a simple, childish trust, he asked his widowed mother if he might set the door open for God's ravens to come in.

"I am sure they must be on their way," he said. The trustful mother granted the request.

The burgomaster (magistrate) of that German town, passing by, was attracted by the sight of the open door, and entered, inquiring the cause of the open door. When he learned the reason, he said, "I will be God's ravens!" He relieved their needs then and afterwards.

God Can Do Anything!

Song by Ira Stamphill

*God can do anything, anything,
anything,
God can do anything but fail;
He can save, He can keep, He can
cleanse, and He will,
God can do anything but fail.
He's the Alpha and Omega, the
beginning and the end,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to
my soul;
God can do anything, anything,
anything,
God can do anything but fail.*

***"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."*** Mathew 11:28

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

1 Peter 5:7