

## *Pk's Perspectives...* The Vastness of God

Randy Martin tells the story of a little girl who waited in the old general store while her parents loaded their supplies in their wagon. She spent most of her time looking at all the different colors of hard candy and wishing she had some. When the parents were done with their loading, the storekeeper complimented the little girl on being so good. As a reward, he told her to reach into the candy jar for free. The little girl smiled shyly and hesitated, so the owner finally reached into the jar himself and gave her a big handful of candy. On the way home, the parents asked, "Why didn't you reach into the jar? You are not that shy." With a huge smile and mouthful of candy, the little girl answered, "Because his hands were bigger!" The storekeeper's generosity was greater than the girl's dream or desire.

It's the same with God. His generosity is greater than our dreams. His love is wider, deeper, broader, and higher than we can imagine. God explains this truth in Ephesians 3:20, "God can do anything, you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us." (The Message) Jesus said in Matthew 7:11, "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

Listen - God's intentions toward you are far more generous than your dreams or desires. God's grace and provision is more than sufficient for your every need. If you have trusted God with your eternity, you can also trust Him to care for you in the here and now. Describing God's care for His people, the prophet Isaiah writes, "The Lord will always lead you, satisfy you in a parched land, and strengthen your bones. You will be like a watered garden and like a spring whose waters never run dry." The will of God will never take you where the grace and provision of God will not protect you.

Know this, however: the provision, protection, and generosity of God is not experienced apart from a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. God is not a Santa Claus that brings us stuff and then leaves us alone. Quite the opposite, actually. God offers a relationship through Jesus...it is in the relationship with God that we encounter the generosity of God. Give this a try: memorize Matthew 6:25-33 (quit groaning, it's not that difficult!) or commit to reading this passage once a week. Meditate on the truth Jesus is teaching in these verses. But be careful - you may wake up one day and comprehend that God's hands really are bigger. Cya in Sunday School & Worship, PK.