

Would We Limit God?

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Inspiration comes to me in the form of musical lyrics sometimes. Recently, the lyrics to “King of the World”, by Natalie Grant, caught my attention.

‘I tried to fit you in the walls inside my mind I try to keep you safely in between the lines I try to put you in the box that I’ve designed I try to pull you down so we are eye to eye’

Our finite understanding of God leads us to visualize only what we are capable of doing. God never used the biggest, brightest, strongest or prettiest to do His will here on Earth.

When we are discouraged because we cannot solve a problem, we limit God in our lives by not including Him in our planning and implementing of our action.

‘I try to take life back right out of the hands of the King of the world How could I make You so small When You’re the one who holds it all?’

When we repeatedly see the pile of refuse that is left after we have attempted to tackle a huge problem on our own, why do we not grasp that we cannot do it on our own? The Israelites were prime examples of trusting God one day and falling so far from Him that they were worshipping idols the next day.

And, if we are successful in some undertaking, we fall for Satan’s plan by thinking, “I did it myself!”

‘Just a whisper of Your voice can tame the seas So who am I to try to take the lead Still I run ahead and think I’m strong enough When you’re the one who made me from the dust’

Our God is omnipotent; all-powerful. He is the same loving God to us as He was to Adam and Eve. There is no undertaking that He cannot handle. He loves us and longs for us to seek Him.

Think of your own most valuable confidant and go-to-person when your load is feeling unbearable.

That is our God!

That is not to say God did not have a part in putting that person in your life or providing answers through that person. But we must train ourselves to be in prayerful thought all the time.

That type of mind-set can overcome the obstacles that confront us every day. It’s hard to think impure thoughts if we are talking to God. Road rage could be preventable by practicing prayerful thought on our drive in to work. Prayerful thought could also prevent the arguments and entanglements that plague us.

‘Oh, You set it all in motion Every single moment You brought it all to be And You’re holding on to me’

In the Western world we value our independence, our initiative, our hard work and our never-give-up attitude. That is likely a factor in the flawed thinking that we can resolve our problems and the problems of others without God.

‘I try to take life back right out of the hands of the King of the world How could I make You so small? When You’re the one who holds it all When did I forget You’ve always been the King of the world You will always be the King of the world!’

God is limited in our lives only when we allow that to happen. Any distance between man and God is the result of man’s doing.