

The God of Surprises

Our God is a God of surprises. From big bangs to soft whispers, He is the Lord of last minute rescues and slow subtle changes. His perspective is not our perspective. He sees it all. While my vision is often narrow, He sees the big picture. While I see moments, he sees millennia. While I see neighbors, he sees nations. And yet in the middle of millions, He knows ME. This is the surprise of God.

The God who programed the inner-workings of your body, the one that breathed light into existence, the one set stars in place and chiseled canyons out of water is the same God who knows every fear, desire, and hope in your life. He understands you even when you don't understand yourself. He not only understands your language, He understands your emotional accents and my spiritual inflections. While much surprises me about God nothing surprises Him about me. He is ever-present, ever accessible and completely reliable. He can be trusted. He knows your future and is aware of your past. Surely He is a God of yesterday, today, and forever.

You may fear tomorrow- You may ask why, when, what, how, and where. God doesn't have to ask those questions. He is Lord of the past, the King of the present and the ruler of the future.

He is not expecting you to save the day. The day is His and He is enough. When you don't know the solution, He will guide your steps. When you can't see the reason, He will supply resolution. When you run out of answers, He will step into the question. When you face rejection and affliction, He is righteous and available. When everything seems to go sideways, He moves forward with surprises.

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matter what happens. [/pullquote1]

There is nothing too big for God. Nothing! Nothing catches Him off guard. A recession doesn't. Cancer doesn't. Unemployment doesn't. There isn't a time in the history of the universe when God said: Light and there wasn't light. Victory and there wasn't victory. Forgiveness and there wasn't forgiveness. He never once uttered the phrase, "I didn't see that coming." He is all-powerful, all knowing, all loving, all right and all ready. And this amazing God filled with furious love and absolute power is asking:

Do YOU TRUST ME?

That's it. That's His one question to you today. Do you trust me. He has set you apart. He is calling you. He has chosen you. You have been made perfectly sufficient for the role he has given you. You don't have to freak out, give in, look back, give up or shut down. He only whispers to you, come with me.

Why? You know the answer. You know but if you're like me you sometimes forget it. Why will He stay with you no matter what? It's because **that's what a good father does**. And you can dance in the eye of the hurricane. You can run ahead of the circumstance. You can trust him and lean into His grace and whisper this magical prayer: God, surprise me!