

Allow God to Be God

What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar. **—Romans 3:3-4, NAS**

Everyone, at some point in their lives, feels that God has betrayed them and let them down. They find He seems more like an enemy than a friend. Nine out of ten people say, “Well, God, if that’s how You want it to be, then I’ll go my way and You go Yours.” Only one out of ten, I reckon, breaks that betrayal barrier and holds on, like Jacob who wrestled with the angel and said, “I won’t let go unless you bless Me.”

The same kind of thing happened to Abraham. We read in Genesis 22:2 how God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son—his only son. That made no sense to Abraham. But Abraham showed he was willing to obey God, and God honored him for what he was prepared to do.

Sooner or later, God will ask you to do something that makes no sense at the time. Perhaps the barrier you have to break is the one that doesn’t make sense at the time, but you must give God the benefit of the doubt. Abraham obeyed God and was never sorry.

We want God to be partial for us, but we have to come to the place where we allow God to be God. Would we affirm Him if He were to work powerfully in another church, in another denomination? Would we say, “That is God”?

During the American Civil War, someone came up to President Lincoln and asked, “Is God on our side or their side?” Lincoln’s reply was, “All I want to know is whether we are on God’s side.” That is what we need to learn. When it comes to understanding God, we need to be on God’s side and let God be God.

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