



WORDS FROM *Pastor Randy*

An older gentleman was on the golf green preparing to putt. A foursome was behind him, waiting for him to finish the hole. About the time he was ready to putt, on the road beside the golf course, a shiny black hearse pulled into view, followed by an entourage of some fifty cars. When the older gentleman saw the funeral procession, he immediately took off his hat, placed it over his heart, and stood at a respectful attention until all fifty cars had slowly passed by. Then, he put his hat on, tapped his ball into the hole, and walked on to the next tee. The members of the foursome were impressed. When they caught up with the older gentleman several holes later, one of the golfers said to the older man, "It has been a long time since we have witnessed such a display of respect and dignity." The older gentleman replied, "Well, it's the least I could do... on Monday, we would have been married fifty years!"

Not many of us face life with such a "nonchalant" attitude, at least not on purpose. We are simply so consumed by the everyday affairs of our everyday life that we just don't stop and pay attention to life's many blessings.

God is good! **God is good because God is good.** God is not good because things are going good for me. God is not good because I say He's good. God is good. That's just what He is! My situation neither confirms nor negates that eternal truth about the nature of God.

There are some times in life when you must really know what you know! This is more than mere head knowledge. In times of disappointment, my mind wants to ask, "**How could a good God allow this?**" If God is so good then why is life so bad? It's easy to sing that little chorus in church: "Good is so good, God is so good. God is so good. He's so good to me." It's harder to balance it against the really tough times in life.

Is God any less good if a fatal disease strikes a friend, instead of healing that one you have prayed for so faithfully? Is it possible to say that God is good even in the midst of tragedy and disappointment?

I do not have all of the answers. I've stop pretending to. I still struggle with some of the mysteries of this life just as you do. [What I know about life is forever changing, but what I know to be true about God must never change!](#)

Is God good? The correct answer to that question is always "**YES!**" God is good. Even though I may not always understand what He is doing or why He is doing it, God is still good. He's always good. He still is and He always has been.

Oh well, I'm starting to sound like Sunday's sermon all over again! Here's a great little story to help get your through the week. Share it with a friend when you invite them to come to church with you this Sunday:

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, a certain preacher told his congregation that the church needed some extra money for the holiday benevolence and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the preacher glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 check in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with the congregation and asked Sister Rosie, who wrote the check to come to the front to pick out three hymns. Rosie slowly made her way forward and her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She then pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

Oh my, my!

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