

## FINALLY, SOMETHING EASY

This weekend Coral asked me if I could help her with something at school she is struggling with. I am always willing to help her when she asks, but she realizes my limitations. For instance, I am not a science guy, so she has come to learn it is easier for her to figure it out herself, than to try and watch me painfully try. In English she just finished reading Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, and knew I could not help her understand it any better. Even though I am pretty good at math, because I struggled helping Coral with it in Grade 8, she asks me less and less for help.

One of the courses Coral is taking right now is business. Currently the teacher is teaching income statements and balance sheets. Knowing I was an accountant before God called me into ministry, Coral realized I could help her understand this topic. It was so nice for me to be able to look at one of her assignments and know immediately everything about it. I did not have to refresh my knowledge on anything or do any practice examples before sitting down and teaching her the basics about income statements and balance sheets. It was wonderful to finally be able to help Coral understand a subject at school that comes so easily to me.

How I wish every subject that Coral might need help with at school came so easily to me. When she attended a Christian school from Grades 6-8, helping her in Bible class came easily to me. There was one time though when she was learning online during the pandemic, and she yelled to me from the top of the stairs to help her with a question that her teacher was asking about the Bible. I gave her the answer and when she offered it to the teacher, he said it was wrong.

I never have said I am perfect. It would be nice if everything in life came easy to us. There are some things that we find easier to do than others. I am sure all of us found certain subjects came easier to us at school than others. Now that we are adults, there are certain tasks and skills that come to us easier than others. Even as Christians some aspects about our faith may come to us easier than others. For instance:

- Do we find it easy to forgive others, or do we still struggle with this?
- Do we find it easy to wait patiently upon God to answer prayer, or do we struggle and become impatient?
- Do we find it easy to turn control of our lives over to God, or do we struggle with giving Him complete control?
- Do we find it easy to trust Him completely, or do we still struggle with having a confident faith in Him?

Just as we find some things come easier to us than others, there are aspects about our faith that may not come so easy to us. Something that may help us if we are finding this is the case for us is to remember nothing is too hard or difficult for God. This is a truth we see so consistently in the Bible.

One example of this truth can be found in a conversation Abraham's wife overheard him having with God. Sarah was listening when she heard the Lord promise Abraham that one year from then, they would have a son. When Sarah heard this, she began to laugh because she and her husband were old, and beyond her child bearing years. God asked Abraham why Sarah laughed, and then shared this insight:

**Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? (Genesis 18:13-14)**

In our heart of hearts, we know the answer to God's question that nothing is too hard for Him to do. The problem is we either forget this truth or think if something is too difficult for us it must be for Him as well. To avoid making this mistake, maybe we need to take God's question here and apply some of our needs to it. Here are some examples of what I mean:

- Are the challenges I am facing today too hard for God to help me overcome?
- Are my needs right now too hard for God to provide for?
- Is this broken relationship too hard for God to help me to fix?
- Is the habit I am trying to break too hard for God to help me with?

If we take whatever our challenge or need is and place it within the context of the question God asks here, we will quickly realize that of course nothing is too hard for God to help us with. The benefit of putting our need within this question is it will help us to remember that God is personally involved in our life and wants to help us if we are willing. How much easier things become for us when we turn control of our lives and problems over to God and let Him help us.

Some things come easier to us than others. If Coral has any more questions about accounting, I will be able to easily help. Accounting still comes easy to me, and so too does asking God to help me with my problems and needs and trusting Him to do what is best. I hope many things come easy to you. Hopefully letting God help you is one of those things.

God Bless and Keep Safe

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