



I don't know about you but I have spent a good part of my life trying to put God in compartments that fit comfortably into my life. Now I have to say this has not been very successful and I stopped trying to do that when I realized HE doesn't fit into boxes that I make. I was actually thinking that God will act and respond to me the same way that others do around me. I was trying to limit what God wanted to do in my life, in order to make my life easier. This period of my life was like a wrestling match with God and I don't have to tell you who the winner was because of course it was God! I was always trying to second guess what God was going to do and that never worked either. I had to wrap my head around the fact that God has no limitations and I cannot limit my expectations of Him due to what I've experienced with other people. I, like you, have been disappointed and felt let down when someone says that they will call you and arrange to go for coffee or lunch and the call never comes. Even as Christians, not everyone who says they'll be praying for us will remember to do it. There will be others who hope we never find out whether or not they meant it when they said, "If there's anything I can do, just ask." Sometimes we tend to imagine that this is the way God is too. But God is nothing like us, He is faithful, He speaks truth and He always has our best interests at heart. Numbers

23:19 says, "God is not a man, that He should lie. " When He tells us to ask, it will be given. When we seek, we will find and when we knock the door will be opened. It took me awhile but I finally realized that God is looking for me to be actively engaged with Him and by doing that He will involve me in His blessing. My dear friends, God wants you to experience fullness of life through Jesus Christ. He wants to build a relationship with you that transforms the very way you live and that you go to Him for direction.

It should go without saying, but I will say it any way that I'm not saying that you need to ask Gods what you should wear or if you should change the color of your hair. What I am saying is that when you have a concern, when something is worrying you,

never shy away from bringing it to your heavenly Father. You may think that God is too busy to listen to your problem but that's not how God operates. He has invited you and me to do just that. I would stop short of asking God for help because I was afraid He would think I was being too pushy. I also had to learn that just because I ask, doesn't mean I will get the answer the way I want it to be. But when God tells us to ask for what we need, and that includes the big and the small things, He means it. So, when the answer comes we know where our help is coming from. When we come to God with all our stuff and He answers, then we know without question that He is working in our lives. When we are asking and seeking and knocking, just as His Word instructs us to do in Matthew 7:7, He is connecting His life with ours. He is able to do "all that we ask," and far more actually. He is willing to do way more than what we ask and He will also do more than what we can think. He can do all that we can "ask or think." Even when we are lost for words the Holy Spirit fills in the blanks. You and I can never ask too much from God because God is able to do all things.

