

Beyond
My Perspective to God's Perspective

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Psalm 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Numbers 13:27-33 This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even **saw giants there**, the descendants of Anak!...But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "**We can certainly conquer it!**" But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!"...Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!

Keep a God Perspective:

1. Even if you are in weary.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

2. Even if a door closes.

Genesis 22:9-13 When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son." Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

Proverbs 20:24 The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?

1 Corinthians 13:12 Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

3. Even if you want to quit.

Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man abounds with many blessings.

4. Even if the storm is raging.

Acts 28:8-9 As it happened, Publius's father was ill with fever and dysentery. Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him. Then all the other sick people on the island came and were healed. As a result we were showered with honors, and when the time came to sail, people supplied us with everything we would need for the trip.

Closing Thought on Perspective:

✓ Fix our Thoughts.

Philippians 4:8 And now, brothers, as I close this letter, let me say this one more thing: Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about

✓ Be intentional with our words.

Matthew 8:8 But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. **Just say the word** from where you are, and my servant will be healed... When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!... Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened." And the young servant was healed that same hour...

Genesis 41:16 "It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease."

Walk Away: It is time for me to change my perspective and start seeing my life the way God sees it.