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“I Just Want a Little More”
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3 Observations from this Passage:

- God is good at what He does - trust Him as your _____;
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