

Letting God be God

Strategies for
Stressful Times

Inspired by Rick Warren



Two Simple Truths

● God is _____

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“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.” **1 Chronicles 29:11–12 (NLT)**

“You [God] are good and do only good; teach me your decrees.” **Psalms 119:68 (NLT)**

Because God is in Control,
My _____ have _____

“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” **Proverbs 19:21 (NIV84)**

Wrong Attitude: _____

“Look here, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.’ How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone. What you ought to say is, ‘If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.’” **James 4:13–15 (NLT)**

Right Attitude: _____

“We should make plans—counting on God to direct us.”
Proverbs 16:9 (The Living Bible)

“Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?” **Proverbs 20:24**

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my _____ have _____

“at present you are temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials and temptations. This is no accident—it happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more valuable than gold” **1 Peter 1:6-7 (J.B. Phillips)**

My Response: Look past the _____

“These little troubles (which are really so transitory) are winning for us a permanent, glorious and solid reward out of all proportion to our pain”
2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (J.B. Phillips)

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“... [God] is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinity beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.” **Ephesians 3:20, (The Living Bible)**

1. **God is not a _____**
2. **God's people may pray in _____**
3. **You may want the _____**

“... let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**