

process. She chuckled and told me that she wonders sometimes why God is so good, especially when we get so cranky and uptight over things like misplaced packages. I could only think that God must be up in heaven shaking His head and saying, “If you only knew . . . “

A package in the wrong part of the country at the wrong time of day is a small thing compared to other trials we face in life. But it’s comforting to know that in every circumstance, in every situation, God is in control. And He reminds us that no matter how lofty our goals or how noble our efforts, His thoughts and ways are far greater.

Paul summed up God’s work in our lives this way: “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory . . . for ever and ever!” (Ephesians 3:20-21). —



## REFLECTION

- Have I ever had an experience where something turned out better than I expected and I could only give God the credit? What was it?
- What are some things in my life I’m worrying about that I need to give over to God’s control?
- How can I acknowledge God’s goodness, even when times are tough?

**God’s fingerprints are all over our lives.**

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### If You Only Knew

An anguished cry from the next cubicle interrupted the conversation I was having with a friend. “Oh *noooooo!* The package I over-nighted was supposed to be in Perth at 8:00 this morning and it’s Brisbane. What am I gonna do?”

When I came to work the next morning, I asked the woman how the situation had turned out. “Do you have a second?” she said. “I have to tell you the rest of the story.”

It turns out that as she was talking to her client on the phone the previous night, she realised that some information she had included in the misdirected package was wrong. And I mean *really* wrong! Information that would have carried a lot of negative ramifications. But because of the delay, she was able to correct the problems and resend the package.

As she and I talked about it, we could see God’s hand in the whole





# Trusting God

## Trusting God's Control

We can make three comments about God's control to enhance our trust in Him:

### 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ His world,

**(Hebrews 1:1-3)** "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, {2} has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; {3} who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

**(Colossians 1:17)** "And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

**(Isaiah 40:26)** "Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the



greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing."

**(Psalms 147:8-9)** "Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains. {9} He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry."

**(Acts 17:25)** "'Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things."

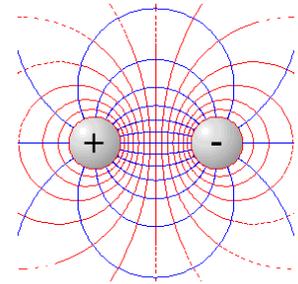
**(Acts 17:28)** "'for in Him we live and move and have our being, ..'"

**(Nehemiah 9:6)** "You alone are the

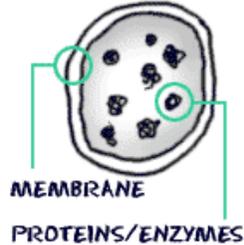
LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You."

**(John 5:17)** "...My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.""

**(Acts 17:26-27)** "'And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, {27} "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;"



### LYSOSOME STRUCTURE



### 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ all,

**(Job 42:2)** "'I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."

**(Psalms 115:3)** "But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases."

**(Isaiah 14:27)** "For the LORD of hosts has purposed, And who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, And who will turn it back?""

**(Isaiah 46:10)** "Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'"

**(Proverbs 16:9)** "A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps."

**(Proverbs 19:21)** "There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the Lord's counsel; that will stand."

**(Proverbs 21:30)** "There is no wisdom or understanding Or counsel against the LORD."

**(Ecclesiastes 7:13)** "Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked?"

**(Lamentations 3:37)** "Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, When the Lord has not commanded it?"

**(Revelation 3:8)** "'I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; ...."

**(Acts 3:17-18)** "'Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. {18} "But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled."

**(Job 1:12)** "And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD."

**(Luke 22:31-32)** "And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. {32}

"But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.""

**(Matthew 10:29-31)** "'Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. {30} "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. {31} "Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."



### 3. God ensures the \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Romans 8:28-29)** "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. {29} For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

**(Matthew 1:5)** "Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,"

