

SINGLES VIEWPOINT

by Lynda Stein

"He is Able"



What do you want God to do for you? Do you find yourself constantly looking at fellow believers and criticizing their walk because it doesn't meet up to your standards? Are you expecting God to perform a miracle by providing a relationship, job opportunity or advancement? Are you placing impossible fleeces before God? Do you find yourself feeling as though God is doing good things for everyone but you?

Ask yourself this question. If you could do yourself a favor, excluding material gain or relationships, what would you do? Be honest. Remember this is a favor to yourself. Why aren't you doing it? What is getting in the way? Now rethink your answers. Are they excuses? Wouldn't it be easier to begin doing yourself that favor than to spend hours grieving over what you don't have?

I am not recommending you quit your job to follow Christ. Nor am I directing you to leave your children with your ex-husband or wife and run away from society. You may know God has called you to missionary work, but if you're a single mother of two small children, the chances of you going tomorrow are probably slim. I am urging you to measure where you are right now against the true desires of your heart and what you're doing to fulfill them.

Do you think your desires of your heart are impossible? The Bible says in Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh within us."

Let's break down this Scripture. Firstly, "He is able." God is able to work the impossible. What is your obstacle? Is it you? Are you unwilling to let God work with you, or do you insist either He or you do all the labor?

Next, "... to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think..." What an incredible concept! God can go beyond what we ask or think — abundantly! Are you hiding under someone else's call, avoiding self-responsibility, never facing the true work God has for you?

Which brings us to the next part of the Scripture. "... According to the power that worketh within us." Sitting around waiting for God's power to enable us to do for Him what is in our heart to do, will probably have us waiting a long, long time for our blessings. We have the power of God within us, and it is our responsibility to take initiative to make changes in our character, lifestyle, relationships and vocational direction.

If you're afraid, imagine what Peter must of felt w Jesus asked him to step out of the boat to walk on the wa Keeping his eyes on Christ, he walked on the water. Jesus it up to Peter to get out of the boat. Just as He leaves the deci to change up to us. When Peter was afraid and took his e off Christ, he met cold rough waters, but the Lord saved i increasing his faith and belief in Him.

Consider the potential freedom of taking responsib for yourself and allowing God to use you as He plea Although you may meet rough waters like Peter, His sav grace will continuously keep you afloat.

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