

He Did It Again - He Knocked My Socks Off!



God is so good! His love amazes me. I have seen Him at work in events of my life that were huge. In hindsight I have seen how He turned lemons into lemonade for me. I have seen my weeping turn to rejoicing (Psalm 30:5b). I have watched Him make my meager efforts into great things. I have fretted and stewed about all sorts of things only to be reminded in an ever so simple way that God is in control and that He is always so good and faithful!

Ah yes, it's the little things that really knock my socks off. One morning as I was finalizing lesson plans for the week, I saw this really neat bulletin board idea (in case you didn't know, I hate doing bulletin boards - I am "bulletin board challenged"). This one looked pretty simple - a tree and some apples. Then I thought about the time it would take to cut out apples. I really did have other things to do and I really didn't want to drive to the teachers' store. Grrr. You get the idea. I walked upstairs to make the bed. As I walked past the telephone, I saw an apple notepad that a student had given me and I was using for phone messages. I had not even remembered that I had that pad sitting there, but God had drawn my attention to the telephone and there it was. A simple thing - apple cut outs. A time saving thing - apple cut outs. An **enormous** reminder: God who cares about those little things - like apple cut outs for a teacher with little time - surely cares about the big things in my life. It knocked my socks off. And it always does. I cannot begin to tell you how many times God has done such a simple thing for me and every single time it is like He is tapping me on the shoulder and saying, "My dear one, my little lamb, if I care about this little thing, how much more do I care about the big things in your life." Then I go to Him with that big problem that is just tearing and eating at me and I dump it on Him and confess that I have been trying to handle it alone. I let go and let God!

In Luke 12: 22 and following (also Matthew 10:29-31), Jesus speaks of how much more valuable we are than the birds of the sky or lilies of the field. If God cares about birds, and hair on our heads and lilies in fields how much more does He care about us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the burden of our sin. By His death and Resurrection, we are assured of life eternal with Him in Heaven. *And* He helped me find apple cut-outs! Wow! Proverbs 3:5 says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not upon your own understanding." I can trust God because He is **so absolutely trustworthy**. He cares about apple cut-outs and my salvation and He cares about everything in between.

The Good News is He cares about **you**. He loves **you**. He has rescued **you** from sin. He is with **you** in the little things (watch for those loving taps on the shoulder - it's not coincidence or "dumb luck") and the big things. I hope he knocks **your** socks off today!