

Control.

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I don't think I'm a control freak, but I do like being in control to a certain degree. Given my role as a mom, I'm naturally in control of a few things: my family's schedule, curfews, the dinner menu, and what games/TV shows are okay for my kids. As a manager at work, I'm in control of buying and tracking inventory, marketing, and keeping customers happy.

However, there are situations that I have no control over, and sometimes that is frustrating.

Take my garden as an example...



My garden is a source of respite and delight for me.
It's where I can be creative with the amazing plants God has created.
I can control which plants go where, although some have their own ideas of where they belong.
Given the early spring, my garden was off to a great start.
The flowers looked so fresh, carefree, and full of promise.
Then, the rains stopped.
To see the flowers, the lawn, small trees, and shrubs drying up in my yard was sad.
Beyond my control.
But that is nothing compared to the fields of dying crops that stretch across the country.
The effects of this drought reach far and deep.
No rain.
No crops.
It's out of our control.
It's hard not to ask "Why, Lord?"
or
"When, Lord, when will you open the sky and water the land?"

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I can't help but think of Job and how he began to complain after being stripped of everything he had, including his family.

And God's response was

"Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?" Job 38:2

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Who are we to question God's will and purpose?
Our limited minds can't possibly know the mind of God.
If the days without rain become weeks and then months, it is his will.
He has a reason for it.
His purpose is divine.
Each day is still a blessing from him.
He is still present and is watching over us.

He still loves us and takes care of our every need and knows what is best for each of us.

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The rain will come in his timing, not mine.
I'm so thankful that he's in control.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:15-17



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Prayers: 1. Jesus, forgive us when our pride starts boasting of our lack of...

39. Lord, every time I'm sick or things don't go as planned you remind me...

42. Lord, today would you guard me against...

47. Father, fill my heart with your love, so that it may overflow with...

Super Girl: 78. Dear Kelly, We have an awesome God as I know ...

Scripture References: Exodus 9:27; Psalm 18:30; Psalm 116:5; Psalm 119:137

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