

Doris' Doodles

No Limits

Did you know that.....there are no limits to what our God is able to do?

We say this with our lips yet are still often surprised when He actually comes up trumps. I would like to tell you about the time I moved house just over seven years ago when I really, really did see how He was a God who was not limited in any way.

A GOD OF NO LIMITS

I went to the garage one morning and when I started the car and tried to reverse it out of the garage there was a funny clumping sound. I drove it back into the garage and went back into the house. As I sat there I realized that when it came to the point of my not being able to drive then I would no longer be able to get to church, which was about a mile away. There and then I made the decision to sell the house and move near to the church so that I would be within walking distance. Now many folk would have put the hiccup with the car down to the work of the devil, but, I have found over the years that God can use something negative as well as positive to guide us along a certain path. People can be very quick to credit the devil with actions but much slower to credit things to God!

GOD IS NOT LIMITED IN HOW HE SHOWS US WHICH PATH TO TAKE



I put my name down for a bungalow with Aspire Housing and was placed near the top of the list for medical reasons. There is a complex of bungalows near the church. They have lovely big living rooms into which I would be able to fit my two large craft cupboards and have no steps leading up to them so would be ideal for a mobility

scooter. Every week, for six months, I rang to see if any of them were available. Two of the bungalows had been empty for about three months so I was very hopeful of being allocated one of them. When God has something particular thing in mind for me I have found that He works very fast and this is what happened during the next three weeks.

Week 1. I suddenly felt that God was telling me to pack straight away, even though as yet I had nowhere to go. We had been in the house for nearly fifty years so I had already done quite a bit of sorting since the decision to move house. I packed everything and boxes were piled everywhere with only the bare essentials left out that I would need for the next couple of weeks.

Week 2. I had a letter from Aspire saying that they had altered their conditions. The value of the money/property that we were allowed to have was lowered considerably and I was moved down several bands. This meant that the prospect of being given anything at all was very slim and opportunity for one of the two available bungalows had gone out of the window. Had I heard God right? Should I unpack everything? **NO.** I still felt that He had everything in hand. Both of the bungalows were allocated to other people so I assumed that God must have something better for me, although I had not a clue as to what that might be.

GOD IS NOT LIMITED IN WHOM HE CAN USE TO SUIT HIS PURPOSES

Week 3. Monday – I had another letter from Aspire telling me that I had been moved up to my original position. It seemed as if God had definitely prevented me from having one of the bungalows since I had been moved down for just that one week in which they were allocated and then moved back up again.

Friday – I was told about this terraced house, right opposite the church, that had become available to rent.

Sunday – I was given the keys.

How about that for speed!



GOD IS NOT LIMITED TO TIME AND CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN FASTER OR SLOWER

Had God given me something better? Most certainly. There would have been a problem with parking the car at the complex because of a flight of steps leading to the car park, but, I could park right outside this house. The living room is six feet longer than the one in the bungalows, plus I also have an extra bedroom in which to store much of my craft. ('Tack for the skip' our son calls it!) In addition, there is a reasonably sized yard at the back that I have been able to make into a lovely little garden. All of this and guess what – only half the distance to walk to church!

GOD IS NOT LIMITED IN WHAT HE CAN PROVIDE FOR US



I had bought a new single bed but when the men delivered it they were unable to get it through the door at the bottom of the stairs. They had to take it back and bring another that folded in half, but said that I would have to pay another £15 for the extra delivery. When they arrived with the second bed the next day I had forgotten about the £15 and did not have that much cash with me so told them that I would go over to the church to see if there was someone there who would lend me the money. As I walked out of the front door, a lady from the church 'just happened' to be driving past and 'just happened' to have £15 to spare with her. When I walked back into the house one of the men looked at me in amazement and said, "By gum Missus, someone up there's certainly lookin afta ya."

GOD IS NOT LIMITED TO HOW HE SHOWS HIMSELF TO NON-CHRISTIANS

My fridge had broken and I had to borrow the money from someone to buy another. One day an envelope was pushed through my letter-box. Inside was a gift of £100 and a note that read, 'Buy something for yourself.' My first thought was to pay off some of what I owed for the fridge, but then I thought, 'No, the intention of the giver was to buy something for myself.' I love water features and had to leave my other behind when I moved house as it was let into the ground, so I went to the Garden Centre and bought a lovely cascading fountain. It has the central place in my little garden and every day I get pleasure from looking at it through my kitchen window. I have no idea who gave me the gift so if you are reading this I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU'.

GOD IS NOT LIMITED IN PROVIDING US WITH EXTRAS OVER AND ABOVE OUR ESSENTIAL NEEDS

NO LIMITS

This is what I feel that God is saying to us:-

"Be ready. I am a God of surprises who does not always do things in the way in which you expect. Be ready to trust me. I will help you to cope with whatever you are going through in your life. Be ready to listen to me. Situations may change but I am a God who is constant, unchanging and always accessible."