

## Just Because...

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You have heard the expression; perhaps you have used it. A parent answers, "No," and the child asks, "Why?" The response: "*Just because...*" Perhaps there is not enough time to explain. Perhaps they cannot understand. Most likely, however, *there is nothing to explain; that's just the way it is.*

In recent months I have noticed *many* comments on facebook that end with "God is good." The final comment always seems to follow good news, an unexpected blessing, or an expression of joy.

"I have a new job!" ... God is good.

"Our daughter had a baby; we're grandparents!" ... God is good.

"Our son graduated." ... God is good.

"Dad is back home from the hospital." ... God is good.

"The tests for cancer came back 'negative.'" ... God is good.

"The long awaited spring is finally emerging." ... God is good.

"The beauty of God's creation is inspiring." ... God is good.

These are wonderful expressions, but I wonder if we have slipped into a "God is good...because of..." kind of thinking. Is our perception of God's goodness based only on favorable outcomes?

"I got up on the wrong side of the bed and am having a terrible day...but God is still good."

"The flooding destroyed my crops...but God is still good."

"I 'totaled' my car...but God is still good."

"The cancer has spread...but God is still good."

"Mom's best friend died last night...but God is still good."

"The earthquake leveled the town and killed hundreds...but God is still good."

When his life was threatened by his own son Absalom, what did King David do? At night he lay down and slept. (Read about it in Psalm 3.) David knew that God is good in times of wealth and happiness and safety...and also in times of need, times of trial, times of danger.

God IS good...Just Because....

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