

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You so much for Your sacrifice; Your death and resurrection, so that we can live in the light, redeemed, in Your Name, Amen!

INTRODUCTION

Pastor Roger stated that the size of our problems is directly proportional to the size of our God. He talks to people wherever he goes and asks lots of questions so that he can understand the culture in which we are living. He said lately there is a lot of heaviness and despair in the world and the common theme is that they are all facing big problems. The world's spirit attempts to do is make God look small and diminutive; while inflating hardship, difficulty, and trauma, making them look disproportionately large compared to God. This is a lie from the enemy! 700 years before Jesus, the Israelites had reached the point of hopelessness, and in Isaiah 40 God comforts and speak tenderly to His people, to tell them that their sad days were over because He was pardoning their sins (vs 1-5)! This message applies to us today as well! Some of us have mountains that seem insurmountable, valleys that look so deep we don't know how we will cross them, and bends in the road that is already so rough that we feel like giving up, but there was hope then and there is still hope today! In verse 12 God reminded them that He measured the oceans in the hollow of His hand and the heavens with His fingers, and that the earth in all of its grandeur and complexity was spoken into existence by Him! With these words He gave them proportionality in the face of their impossibility, and He wants to do the same for us today.

DISCUSSION

Pastor Roger used four planets, the Sun, Betelgeuse, Mu Cephei, and Canis Majoris, each one increasingly larger in size, massively dwarfing the earth, to illustrate how big God is. A golf ball represents earth, and the number of earths that Canis Majoris can contain would cover the entire state of Texas 22 inches deep! You and I are a microscopic speck on just one golf ball, yet God sees and knows you personally. He created all of humanity individually; knit us all together from the inside out, and knows all 8 billion of us individually, and by name (Jer 1:5, Ps 139:13). God has got us! And if God is so big as to hold the hold universe in his hand, he certainly is big enough for us and our problems. Keeping our problems in perspective to the size of our God will give us great peace, hope and confidence.

Questions: *When we realize the delicate balance the entire universe moves in, how does this affect your belief about God's ability to affect the balance in your life? It's remarkable to understand that God sees us, specks on a tiny, tiny planet in a massive universe, and cares personally about each of us. What does that do to your faith and why? We can think that God is so big and that we are so small that we don't matter. That is not what the bible says. In fact, the cross of Jesus says exactly that opposite, we matter the most. With that in mind what problem(s) are you facing that you need God proportionality for? Do you tend to let your problems become heavy and burdensome or do you give them over to God quickly? Either way, explain how it affects you, spirit, soul, and body?*

HOW WILL I BE DIFFERENT

In this world there will be trouble (John 16:33); it's guaranteed. Understanding now how big your God is in proportion to these troubles, how will you respond to the problems you face differently than before, going forward?