

How Big Is Your God?

The following story was released by our International Mission Board. A Southern Baptist worker had tried for nearly six months to register a business that would serve as the heart of his ministry in Turkmenistan. He was two signatures away from success, but government corruption had deadlocked his application.

This man's business partner, not a Christian, was doing the negotiating with the man in charge of approvals. This government official was waiting for a bribe and finally told the partner he would do it for a set amount of money.

The missionary was praying while the negotiations were going on and God spoke to his heart. "He's going to come back and tell you how much, and it's going to be a really small amount – you have it in your pocket. But how will I receive the glory due My name if you corrupt the foundation from the start?"

The missionary decided against paying the bribe. He told his business partner, "God is bigger than that guy down the hall." The business partner did not believe God could or would do anything.

Two weeks passed with no word from the government. Then on Thanksgiving Day, the missionary received a phone call. His partner was on the line with miraculous news – the business's registration was approved.

"I would have never believed it," his partner said. "You serve a mighty God. I have got to know more about Him."

"What stunned my partner about the power of God was that when the Lord intervened in real life, He did something that clearly had to be of Himself," the missionary said.

But the story doesn't end there. Because of God's intervention and the missionary's witness, the partner went on to accept Jesus as his Savior. He's now a leader in the Turkmen church and has even answered God's call to carry the Gospel outside Turkmenistan's borders.

How big is the God you serve? Does He care about your personal life? Does He care how you do business? Are you living in such a way that He can reveal His glory to you and others?

-- pastor Robin