



ENABLER #1: GOD

MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL THROUGH PARTNERING WITH GOD

God Works the Night Shift

“I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together and with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19

It was that exciting time of the year again when all of the summer toys came out of hibernation—including a new trampoline our family had been waiting for. As temperatures rose, so did our children’s excitement. After a rushed dinner, the children waited anxiously outside while my husband began the assembly. As I washed the dishes, I wondered if it would be complete before the children would head to bed. Although bedtime was extended it just couldn’t be postponed any longer. The trampoline was not complete and our children were tucked into bed with sad faces. “Daddy will finish it as soon as he gets home from work tomorrow,” we assured them. Something about saying that to our three little ones made my heart heavy. They just couldn’t understand why it wasn’t possible for the trampoline to be ready right away.

After the children were in bed, my husband decided he would work on the trampoline a little more. Together we pulled at the mat and began connecting the springs, swatting away the growing clouds of mosquitos. After a while of assembling and swatting, we decided to call it a night. I headed in to get ready for bed, but thirty minutes later I saw a light in the backyard. I opened the blinds of our bedroom window and there was my husband, fighting off mosquitos and setting up the last bit of netting.

Through my husband, God gave me a picture of His love for us. Sometimes when we are discouraged and looking for a quick answer it’s difficult to see God working. But God works the night shift for us.

My children couldn’t see their father working on the trampoline after they went to sleep. Perhaps sometimes you’ve gone to bed wondering if, when and how God is working. Behind the scenes, He is always caring for you, day and night, and His ways are incredible. He takes on our burdens and worries. He is a provider, a comforter and a promise keeper. His love for you is immeasurable and unlike any other.