



I asked God to take away my pain.

God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No. His spirit was whole, his body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.