

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, John 10.

The other day, Donna and I were at church, and I asked her if she wanted a sandwich. She asked me if we had any pickles. So I went to the back building refrigerator to look. Mind you, I was looking for a small jar of pickles. I brought the jar I found, and pretty much all that was left were the ends of the pickles that no one else wanted.

A couple of days later, I was looking in the same refrigerator and found a jar, literally 10 inches tall, that I had totally overlooked. It was one of those, "If it were a snake, it would have bit you" moments.

Oftentimes, we can become so focused on what we think something should be, that we completely miss what we should and could be looking for.

I wonder how often we do this with God. That we expect God to be or act a certain way, and when He does not fit into our little jar, we completely miss the bigger and greater understanding of who God is.

Many want a God who is like the Jim Carrey kind of god who just gives everybody what they want, not realizing that is not real.

If everyone got what they wanted, no one would die, every kitchen cabinet would be filled with what we enjoy, even though no one would work, lakes and rivers would be stocked with fish, no child would ever get sick, gasoline would be free and all would drive new cars.

There were times Job asked God why he was even born or why God would hide His face from him. David questioned God on many things that were happening during his days and often felt in despair of life. Habakkuk asked God why He didn't do something about the violence in the land.

We all have questions for God, but do we have the right to question if God exists just because He doesn't fit in our little box. Do we look for God in a small jar while failing to see the grace and majesty of God.

Job 40:1-2 "Then the LORD said to Job,

"Do you still want to argue with the Almighty?

You are God's critic, but do you have the answers?"

(Read Job 38-39.)