

I Asked God

- 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. Her spirit was whole, her 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.