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"My son, he stands there, and he says, 'I want one.'"

We always want something, don't we? Something that would make us happy, right?

What is it for you?



“So I started laying out my case, ‘You don’t understand. It’s going to get wrapped around your wrist. It’s not going to work. It’s going to break. It’s going to fly. It’s going to hit you. It’s not going to ...,’ and he just looks at me with this look. Maybe you’ve seen this before. He looks at me with this look like, ‘But I thought you said you love me.’”

Do you feel like you often don't get the things you really want?

Do you feel like God's denying you these things or maybe like he's not even listening to you?

Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father who created all the lights in the heavens. He is always the same and never makes dark shadows by changing.

James 1:17 (CEV)



"I have to walk all the way back, and, under great protest, I have to pick him up and carry him out to the car."

Have you ever been mad at God for not giving you what you'd asked for?

Is it okay to question God?



“So we take our son up to the wall of kickballs, and he stands there, and he looks up, and with great joy I say to him, ‘Take your pick.’”

Have you ever felt like God did come through for you?

If so, how?

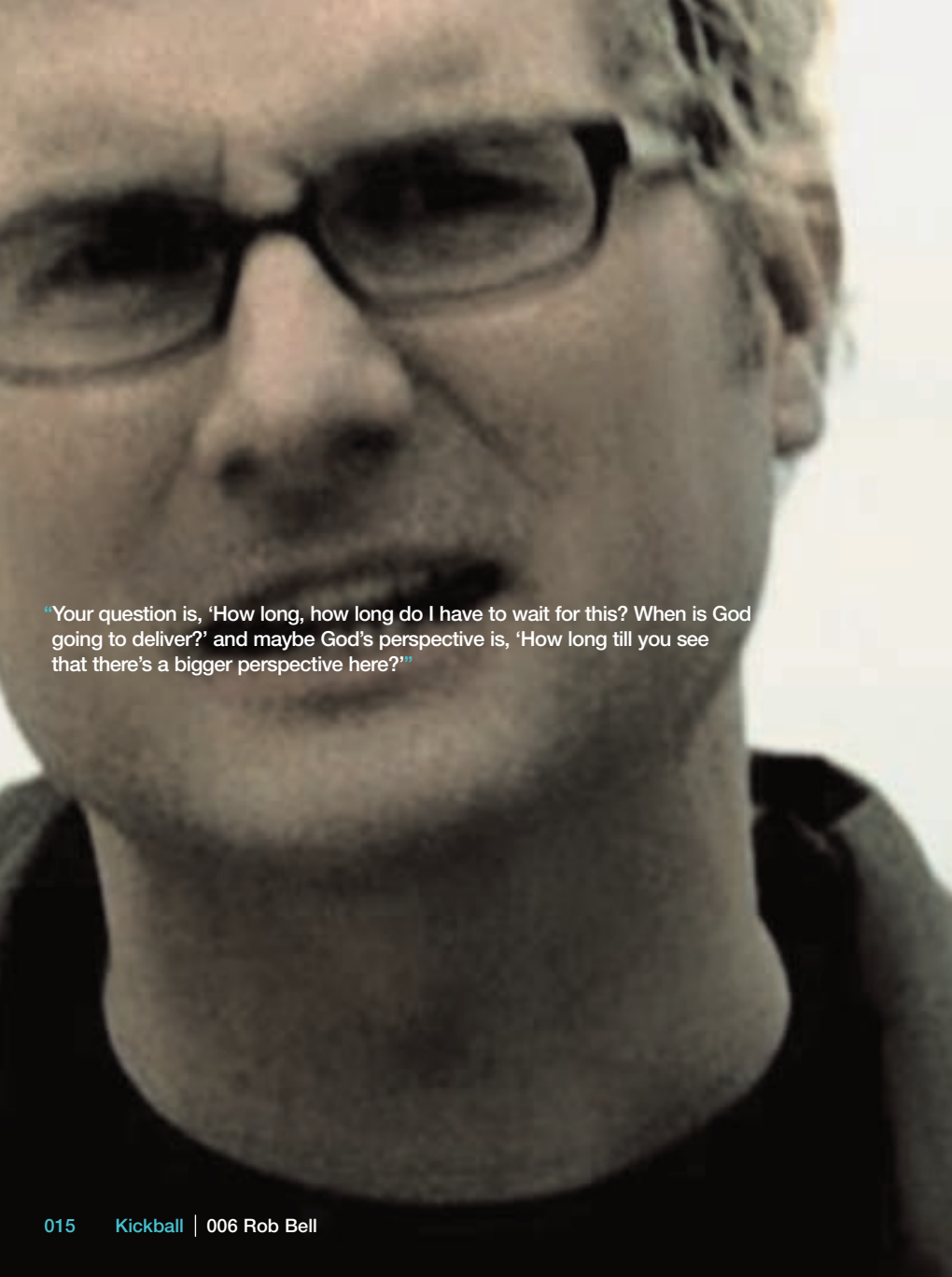


“See, I could create this safe little bubble of a world for them. Where they always get everything they want right when they ask for it, when they were protected from everything, but it wouldn't be much of a life, would it?”

If you got everything you asked for in life, do you think you'd be happy?

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out – plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.
When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen.
When you come looking for me, you'll find me.
Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed.

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Jeremiah 29:11-14 (MSG)



"Your question is, 'How long, how long do I have to wait for this? When is God going to deliver?' and maybe God's perspective is, 'How long till you see that there's a bigger perspective here?'"

Do you see your life as part of a bigger picture, a larger story?



"Sometimes you have this sense of, 'God, if you just give me this, then I'd be okay. Then my life would be okay.'"

Have you ever felt unsure about an important decision in your life and trusted God to lead you in the right direction?

How did that turn out?



“Do I believe that God is good? I mean, do you deep in your bones?
What do you really believe God is like? Because until we each deal with this question,
then nothing’s ever going to make any sense, is it?”

Do you believe God is good?

Always?

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?
Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil,
know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Luke 11:11-13 (NIV)



So when you find yourself standing at the kiosk, asking, 'Why can't I have what I want?' may you believe that God is good, and that right across the street he has something better."

The entire wall of kickballs seen in the film was donated to inner city elementary schools.



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