

A Note from the Pastor ...

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the LORD. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'"
- - - *Isaiah 55:8-9*

In our lives of faith, we often struggle with letting our trust rest completely on God. Yes, we know we are to acknowledge God in all that we do, to trust God to watch over us and protect us and to trust God's love and grace for our lives and our salvation. However, because we are very human, we often just want to help God out a bit. You know how that goes-we say, "Yes, God I will trust you with this situation in my life ... and here's what I think You should do ... "

Does that sound familiar? Deep down we really want to trust God, but we still spend time fretting and planning, trying to figure it all out for God. The Scripture from Isaiah printed above can reassure us that God sees the situations in our lives from a much fuller, deeper perspective than we ever could. This week I found a story about how limited human understanding is when compared to God's wisdom, knowledge and love. The story is as follows:

One day a woman was walking through a meadow. As she strolled along, meditating on nature, she came upon a field of golden pumpkins. In the corner of the field stood a majestic, huge oak tree.

The woman sat under the oak tree and began musing about the strange twists in nature. Why tiny acorns on huge branches and huge pumpkins on tiny vines. She thought, *God blundered with Creation! He should have put the small acorns on the tiny vines and the large pumpkins on the huge branches.*

Before long, the woman dozed off in the warmth of the late autumn sunshine. She was awakened when a tiny acorn bounced off her nose. Chuckling to herself, she amended her previous thinking, *Maybe God was right after all!*

In every situation, God knows far more about the people and circumstances involved than we can ever know. God alone sees the beginning from the ending. God alone knows how to create a Master Plan that provides for the good of *all* who love and serve God.

Yes, God's thoughts are much higher than ours. God has a perfect plan and we can trust God. I am so glad!

See you in church,

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