

# Don't understand?

A couple weeks ago, we received word that a friend of our family was facing a potentially dangerous situation. We were deeply concerned and kept asking, "Why?" The more we talked about it, the less sense it made. We just couldn't understand.

As I worried about it, I happened to be listening to a sermon, and the pastor quoted Proverbs 3:5ff: "Trust the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths smooth."

I realized that I'd been relying on my own understanding instead of trusting the Lord. When Jesus was upset about facing the wrath of God on the cross, He prayed, "Not My will, but Yours be done." Surely I could trust God's perfect will as well, because God is trustworthy.

It turned out that the event we were so worried about never happened. We had worried for nothing, but we learned through this trial that, regardless of how it turned out by our observation, we are still in God's loving hand, and we have nothing to worry about.

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:31-34, NIV)