



#4 God Makes Sense Even When He Doesn't Make Sense *Pastor Mike Chapman*

Noted pastor and Bible teacher, John Piper said, "God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them."

Not only do we see a tiny fraction of what God is doing in our lives; the part we do see may make no sense to us. But remember ... God makes sense even when he doesn't make sense.

*Isaiah 55:8-9, "My thoughts are not your thoughts,
and my ways are not your ways," declares the LORD.
"Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways,
and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts." GW*

The Foundation of Our Confidence

God's **love**

Love in reference to God is his **omni-benevolence**

1 John 4:16, *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.*

God's **sovereignty**

There is no power in the universe that can stop him from fulfilling his totally good plans for you.

Job 42:2 I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. NIV

God's **wisdom**

God's infinite wisdom is his ability to devise **perfect ends** and to achieve these ends by the most perfect **means**.

Romans 11:33: Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand His decisions and His ways!" NIV

God's Ultimate Plan for Your Life

God's desire is for you to **know** him and for you to experience his life in you.

John 17:3, This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. GW

God is working everything in your life to make you more **like Jesus**.

Romans 8:28-29, We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.
NIV

When God Doesn't Make Sense You ...

... Trust

Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

... Fix you eyes on ultimate reality

2 Corinthians 4:8, 16-18, We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed...We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. NIV