

## November 23

**Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV)** <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

I was working on my 10-speed bike when a young boy came up to me. He watched for a moment and then asked, “Why are you doing that?” I told him I was fixing my bike. Again, “Why?” I explained it was not working like I wanted. Why? Each answer was met with another, “Why?” Eventually, I reached a point where I could no longer explain to him in terms he could understand why I was doing what I was doing. The dialogue continued for a while longer before he grew tired of my answers.

I am sure most of us have been part of conversations like this. When I look back at that afternoon, I smile at that young boy who was seeking answers he could not fully understand because that conversation also reminds me of conversations I have had with the Lord where I am that little boy. During difficult situations, I have pleaded with the Lord to explain why this was happening. I reasoned with Him that if I understood why this was happening, I could better deal with it. No matter how I framed my “why” question, I got no answer. So, I would frame the request in another form with the same result. Eventually, I realized that I could not truly understand the answer. Plus, we are to walk by faith. So, I let the matter drop. However, from time to time I find myself stating, “I don’t understand why this is happening?” When we entertain that question, we enter an area that is beyond our understanding because often the answer is higher than our question. When we find ourselves in that situation, we need to stop and remember that that His grace is sufficient for us and that His way is the best way. He does not mind our asking, “Why?” as long as we do not always expect an answer.