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The Big Picture

Dear Pastor,

I love looking down on the earth from an airplane. The views never cease to amaze me. Sometimes things that don't make sense from the ground make more sense when you get a bird's-eye view because you get to see the big picture.

Last week Judy and I flew back to Wisconsin from visiting our youngest son's family in North Carolina. We flew over cities large and small and lots and lots of farmland. Before we got so high that the only thing you could see was the big picture, we flew over busy highways, and businesses, and homes. So many people. So many lives. So much activity.

I reflected on how much there is that I don't know and don't understand that is happening in our world. And I reflected on the truth that our great God sees not only the big picture, but also the details of each of our lives. Even though many things do not make sense to us—given our view “from the ground”—it all makes sense to God and He is working everything in the big picture together for good (Rom. 8:28). I choose to believe and trust Him for that.

I had a note from a pastor friend last week. He shared that he had lunch with his state senator and was able to talk with him about how the churches in his district might be a blessing to their community given some recent events. He was able to pray with his state senator.

This same pastor also had scheduled a couple of meetings with state representatives who serve as representatives for districts that some of his church members belong to.

I was blessed and encouraged by his heart to have a gospel ministry to these folks. These men and women need the influence of gospel-believing pastors in their lives. I also heard last week about a legislator who is going through an extremely stressful family ordeal. I thought to myself, “what a wonderful thing it would be if there were one or more gospel believing pastors who could reach out and have a ministry to this person's family in their time of trial?”

As we faithfully serve and buy up the opportunities for ministry that we have, we will not always know or understand what God is doing, but we can trust that He will use our service “on the ground” to accomplish His purposes in “the big picture.”

In Christ,

Dave Lingle
WFC Church Ambassador

PS: State Representatives and Senators are, for the most part, working from their home districts these days. It would be easy to set up a breakfast or lunch meeting and get to know them and pray with and for them. And of course, setting up a Zoom meeting is a great option, too!

PPS: If you are in the Hillsboro, Racine, or Oostburg areas, please join us for one of our upcoming July events! Click [HERE](#) for details and to register!

