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Ecclesiastes 11:5

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: “As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother’s womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.”  
Ecclesiastes 11:5 (NIV)

During a family trip to France, we stopped to eat at a local restaurant. Once we finished our meal, my family sat at our table, waiting for our check for about 20 minutes. Finally, my parents decided to look up how to ask for a check in our English to French book. “L’addition sil-vous plaitez,” my mother asked in French, and we were out of there in another minute. Later, while visiting friends, my mother brought up the incident. “Oh!” her friend answered. “That’s because in France it is considered impolite to bring the check before the customer asks for it.”

Just as cultural differences hindered my family’s interaction with the French, so does our limited understanding of God hinder our interactions with Him. Sometimes, God does things differently from the way we think He should, or how we would have done them. This doesn’t mean God did something wrong, just that we can’t understand His actions from our limited knowledge of the world. We must trust God when He does something we don’t understand.

PRAYER: Lord, help me realize that I won’t always be able to understand why you do what you do. Give me the faith to continue to trust in you, no matter what I think about your actions from my limited perspective. Amen.

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