

The Way Father & Lord Think #1

Hi all,

I was hungry for pizza one night and knew that Barb being Barb, would have some leftovers in the freezer. I opened the freezer and saw what you are seeing here. To my uneducated eye it looked like a gathering of unwanted food banished to the frozen Arctic with no particular pattern, like so many ice floes thrown together by unseen forces. But I knew her well enough that this confusing gathering of former popcorn and cookie tins and aluminum wrapped leftovers was actually highly organized according to her system.



She had said we had pizza in the freezer, but there I stood with open door, clueless. "Honey, WHERE in the freezer is the pizza?"

She responded, "It's in the pizza tin!" Hmmm...."Pizza tin? Which one is that?" I asked, still staring into the Arctic wasteland. Without complaint she got up, walked to the freezer, grabbed the tall Christmas tin you see on the left, set it on the counter and said "Here, **this** is the pizza tin."

We've had that Christmas tin for years, a gift of popcorn long ago that found continued use warding off freezer burn of foods we've wanted to save for future meals. As I pried off the lid, behold, carefully arranged slices of pizza in zip-lock plastic bags were revealed, 4 slices to a bag, each bag neatly stacked one upon the other filling the tin. She is so thoughtful and organized and I love that about her. But I had to ask: "What makes this Christmas tin the pizza tin?", trying to connect the dots.

"Of course this is the pizza tin! Pizza is Italian. Italian flag colors are red, green, and white. This tin is red, green, and white, so this is the pizza tin!" I stood dumbfounded, it suddenly made perfect sense...now...lol.

Learning how the Father and Lord think

Sometimes the Lord's logic seems to be on another wavelength as Barb's was to me that day. Once she told me her process of thinking I understood it, though thinking like that wasn't natural to me. But it was logical to her, and once initiated into her system, I understood how she thought.

First thing to understand: We are invited to come up to His ways and thoughts

"His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts higher than our thoughts." This is often spoken to say we'll never know this side of heaven why He allowed something to happen. Don't get me wrong - There are mysteries we won't know until heaven. But using this passage in this way is not how it was written.

That passage from Isaiah 55:1-13 does not say God's ways are so high above ours He is impossible to understand. He is not saying the Christmas tin is the pizza tin you poor earthling if only you understood.

The chapter is about a man repenting and leaving his own ways and thoughts, accepting the invitation to come up to God's ways and thoughts:

"Look! Everyone who is thirsty, let him come to the waters...Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near...Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man forsake his thoughts, let him return to the Lord and He will abundantly pardon...for my ways are not your ways, neither are my thoughts your thoughts says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Did you notice

The Father is extending an invitation to forsake his ways and thoughts and come up to my ways and my thoughts!

We are told in Romans 12:1-2 to experience a metamorphosis in our lives by renewing our mind to think like He thinks, and then we "will be able to discern the good, well pleasing and fully finished will of God" in our lives. He wants us to come up to His higher ways! We are His kids after all! Don't we want our kids to think higher thoughts and live in higher ways?

No more fleeces, no more 'If this happens to me I'll take it as God' to guess His will

In I Corinthians 2:9 it says our eyes, ears, and imagination cannot know what God the Father has prepared for us, meaning we can't discern His will by circumstances and natural means. But in v10 he says,

"These are the things God reveals to us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of (Father) God." He continues in verse 12 saying, "We have received the Spirit so that we may know the things He has freely given to us."

Let die the notion you must divine His will by natural circumstances. Now you are His child, born into the family, and you have His Spirit inside so you can know by His Spirit in your spirit what He has prepared. Just that jump in thinking from looking for His will 'out there' in a theology of 'if this happens and that happens it must be God', to 'He lives inside me so I'll learn to sense His Spirit inside for direction', is coming up to His ways and thoughts.

Pizza tin or Christmas tin?

What did you think of Christians before you were born again? Your thoughts have changed from 'Those crazy fanatics who shelter themselves from the real world with the religion crutch' to 'My brothers and sisters I love you so much!' You've come up to higher ways and thoughts on this subject. You are thinking like God thinks on this subject.

What did you think of talking in a language you had never learned (tongues)? "Those crazy Pentecostals, those nutty Charismatic's - their elevator doesn't go all the way to the top! The lights are flashing, the bell is ringing and the crossing gate is down, but no train is coming down their track! Those weirdo's. Someone has blown out their pilot light!" But now - **you** speak in tongues and think that is normal. You are thinking like God thinks on this subject.

Christmas tin, pizza tin. You've connected the dots on things that were never logical before, but now make perfect sense. You've been initiated into the mystery of the kingdom of heaven. You know mysteries that are foolishness to the uninitiated, but are in fact higher thoughts and higher ways.

How does that airplane fly?

Have you ever realized Christopher Columbus could have flown to the America's in 1492? He could have, because the same laws of aerodynamics that allow birds and planes to fly, existed in 1492. But if we could go back in time to suggest to him he could fly, we would have been laughed to scorn at the least.

The higher ways and thoughts were all around him, but he was ignorant of them. He saw birds fly, but couldn't connect the dots to how man could fly, leaving thoughts like that to dreams and imagination.

Miracles aren't what?

A miracle is defined as an event described as inexplicable by the laws of nature, a violation of the laws of nature to bring about a good result, or an unexplainable 'act of God'. But a miracle is not a violation of the laws of nature, but that of higher laws superceding lower laws.

An airplane or bird doesn't violate the law of gravity to get off the ground, it uses higher laws to temporarily supercede the lower laws to fly. We can now think in the Father's higher laws that supercede the lower, earthly, carnal laws. We can think higher thoughts that supercede lower thoughts.

When you tell the truth instead of a 1/2 truth when you are caught, you are choosing the higher law of truth. When you turn away from porn and the lower desires of watching men and women of no honor, you choose higher ways and thoughts. When you respond with love to someone who has done you wrong, you choose higher laws. All these are in fact higher, though at the time are confusing to those who can't walk in them. They may take time to be proven to be higher ways and thoughts, but they will be proven so.

The Father wants us to see more to our lives than what appears to be a bunch of aluminum foil and tins with no apparent order. He wants us to understand what we are seeing and walk in higher ways and thoughts - to learn how the Christmas tin logically became the pizza tin....more next week, until then, blessings,

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The Way Father & Lord Think #2

Hi all,

"What we've got here is failure to communicate", is a line from the US prison drama film from 1967, '*Cool Hand Luke*'. But it could be about Christians who are trying to serve God but haven't learned a key truth - He doesn't think like you and I do, so we must change our thinking to think like Him. Many are trying to get Him to think like they do about their situation, which is the basis for the failure to communicate.

Just Containers

Words are containers for the content of the heart. As a person pours their heart into words, we get to know that person. Have you ever met someone and known by the earliest exchange of words you would become friends? Their words revealed their heart.

But even as we get closer to another person and begin to know the whole of their heart and character through their words, miscommunication often happens. It can happen by taking a single spoken word out of context, or maybe what we hear is not what their heart intended to say, but we take what we thought they meant and run with it, causing misunderstanding.

Our son, Chris, has been home from the group home this past weekend. Mentally he is a 4 year old, though he just turned 34 on December 23. Last night he picked up his Children's Bible which he 'reads', telling the story of each illustration. He started with Adam & Eve in the garden and told us what each animal pictured said, how the lion roared and asked "What's for dinner Adam?", with a chuckle to himself.

When he came to the picture of Jesus raising the widow's son from the dead, I asked Chris what Jesus said to the boy, to which he replied in his best deep and authoritative voice: "You disobeyed me dude!"

We all burst out laughing - Chris has such a sense of humor! But there are some Christians who might think Jesus actually would have said something like that to the boy, though we who know Him would reject that idea because we know Him and know He would not have said that.

Context

That's what happens when people take 1 or 2 verses - words - out of context and elevate them above the rest, ignoring or not knowing His heart. They become convinced He said this or that when in fact He is quoted out of context or didn't mean what they think He said.

If we have a good friend and someone tells us they said this or that, or did this or that, we might respond 'That doesn't sound like them'. That is because we know their words and their heart. The same is true when someone says God says this or that - so much of what's out there just doesn't sound like Him.

Now to Him

How the Father thinks is revealed by His Spirit within us, and that Spirit inspired the pages of our New Testament. So the pages of the New Testament are how the Father thinks, starting with the revelation of His Son, who said 'If you've seen me, you've seen the Father'. As we read His thoughts we adapt and change our thoughts to be like Him, then apply those thoughts to our life, changing our lifestyle and habits.

It is therefore SO important we get to know Him by His Spirit and the Word, for they are always in agreement, just as we want our heart and words to be in agreement in life. (II Peter 1:21, John 14:9)

Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit, and though He is the Word, He does nothing except in teamwork with the Spirit - He said He only did what He saw the Father do, spoke only what He had heard. The Word and Spirit agree in all things. So we don't just pick a verse and 'stand on it', we first commune with the Father and by revelation let Him lead us to a verse that speaks His heart for our situation. (Matthew 12:28, John 5:19, 30)

Going to the third heaven- what Father thinks about it

In Paul's time the sky was 1st heaven, outer space 2nd, and where God lives the 3rd. Paul said he was caught up to 'Paradise' (heaven) or 'the third heaven' in II Corinthians 12:2,4.

A lot of money has been collected and ministries built on saying if you come to their meetings you will go up to the 3rd heaven or they will teach you how to do that, but here is what the Father thinks about it:

"Don't say in your heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (Or to bring Christ down from above)" Romans 10:6

Can you see Jesus or go to heaven by being in the Spirit as John was in Revelation 1:10 and 4:2? Of course. Can you see the Lord as Ezekiel did in chapter 1, or Isaiah saw heaven in chapter 6, Daniel in chapter 7, or John seeing the Father on His throne in Revelation 4 after being taken in the Spirit? Of course. But every example in scripture has a common trait - heaven initiates the experience, not man.

If He wants to show you heaven, fine. But we are not to initiate an experience. Can we pray and worship and get ourselves into place to receive from Him? Absolutely. But He initiates visions and experiences in the Spirit. He says we aren't to try to bring Jesus down from above nor seek to ascend to heaven. So that's what He thinks. Will we change our thoughts to agree with Him?

Think about this - if you try to communicate your thoughts to a person but they are so set on what they think you know it does no good to talk to them further, don't you end the discussion and just move on? Then why does so much of our culture try to change God's mind about our situations instead of us learning how He thinks? It's the only way to talk to Him because He is truth and He can't vary from that. As they say, if you don't feel as close to God as you used to, guess who moved?

Don't get me wrong - He will bless people who try to ascend to heaven or bring Christ down to the extent He can, just because He is good - He will take hold of anything He can to bring good things into our lives - but it doesn't mean He endorses someone or a teaching. He made a donkey talk remember.

But why would the Lord be thinking and then writing to us not to think we should ascend to heaven or bring Christ down from above (pray to see Jesus/have a visitation from Him)?

Now the choice

This is why - Christ is already in you.

"Do you not know you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" I Corinthians 3:16

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you..." I Corinthians 6:19

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27

The truth is, God lives in you, so that is how He thinks and the perspective from which He speaks. You don't need to ascend to heaven nor bring Christ down to earth - Christ is in you already. So then you are faced with the lust for experiences rather than true faith and true solutions. Hmmmm. Do you still want to think like Him, or do you want to stick to your thoughts, 'If only Jesus would appear to me I could ask Him...'?

The choice - do you believe the drab old, mundane Word of God you have 10 versions of on your shelf, or the flashy advertising from the TV preacher who appeals to your ego and need, and who manipulates money out of you? Or will you change your thoughts to agree with Him?

The real failure of the body of Christ and most preachers, is that they don't know Him. They are believers, but not knowers. If they knew Him truly, they would know the garbage they say He says isn't true. To know the Word without knowing Him who first spoke the Word, leads to error and an anemic and weak body of Christ.

If you want to commune with the Father, if you want to learn to fellowship with the Father and Son and know the Spirit in you and know that peace 24/7 every moment, if you want to walk through life with Him, you must realize He is in you and start to think like Him.

Next week we'll pick up with the 'open heaven' teaching and what the Father really says about it. Blessings, John Fenn

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What Father thinks #3

Hi all,

We were hiking in Colorado's high prairie south of LaJunta. Back then I could carry Chris piggy-back while the younger two boys scrambled up small cliffs and down canyon walls. We found lizards and tarantulas, hawks, and this day, something that took us totally by surprise.

With Chris on my back I climbed a mesa (flat topped hill common in the US west) while the others followed - not too steep that Barb and the boys couldn't make it but enough that two boys ages 4 & 7 would be challenged. Out of the corner of my eye I caught a glimpse of a black speck low on the horizon coming



towards us fast. It was a B-1 bomber with wings swept back. The B-1 can sweep its wings back for high speed flight, and they use south east Colorado as a training area for high speed ground-hugging flights.

"Boys! Look! A B-1 bomber is coming right at us!" We'd laughed and joked as we climbed, imagining buffalo (bison) herds, Indian war parties, prospectors and settlers in covered wagons, so when I said a bomber was heading towards us, their reply was 'Ha ha dad'.

I said, "No really, look!" in an urgent 'hurry, hurry' voice that finally got them to look up. We were near the summit of a mesa just off the road which seemed far below, and just as we looked up, almost eye to eye with us, a B-1 bomber flew by - with not a sound until it passed. Then suddenly a deafening, bone rattling roar shook us it continued along its zig-zag path between the mesas. We were dumbfounded, and thanked the Father for allowing us to experience such a thrill, amazed at His sense of timing.

Believing His Word and Spirit instead of popular church culture

And so it was I was telling a class at the World Prayer Center in Colorado Springs they already have an open heaven, and the then-current fad teaching was error and not what the Father thinks about it. At first they sat in stunned silence when I told them the Father says we already have an open heaven.

I told them - You have peace with God the Father! He is at peace with you. He not only loves you, He likes you. He recreated you, birthed you, then adopted you all in one motion. He thinks He is at peace with you and you have full access to Him, why do you think otherwise? I quoted this passage: "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...by whom we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand." Romans 5:1-2

Then someone said, "Ha, ha, right John", as if I had just said a B-1 bomber was coming at us.

"No really! Look!" I insisted they follow me through the pages of the New Testament, and as we read verse after verse one lady got angry as if the B-1 had just flown by and she got blind sided by the shock wave.

She took it personally, saying, "Are you telling me I'm wrong!?" as she stood up with a 'You want to fight?' stance and all the finger pointing you would expect. "That I've spent thousands of dollars going to conferences and airfare and hotel bills and offerings and cd's and you are saying you are right and all of them are wrong? No offense, but who are you?"

I told her it wasn't that I was right and they were wrong: "I am telling you what your Father thinks on the subject, and you are unknowingly committing idolatry by elevating man's teaching above His thoughts and His ways as revealed in balance of the Word." That didn't go over real well with her. I can't imagine why.

What He thinks

As long as I was offending religious spirits masquerading as cutting edge charismatic revelation, I thought why not continue. "You think you have to yell and scream and gather thousands to convince God to open the heavens for you because that's what you've been taught, making Him your adversary. Imagine His surprise that He has been wrong this whole time and _____ is right."

"Funny Father God! He thinks He has blessed you with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. He thinks He has adopted you by Jesus so that you are His kids and part of a royal family, having full access to all that is His. He thinks He has seated you together with Him in heavenly places in Christ. He thinks you are a new creation in Christ and you now have access into this grace." (Ephesians 1:3-6, 2:6, I Peter 2:9, II Corinthians 5:17, Romans 5:1-2)

"All you have to do is just turn a thought towards 'Father' and you have His ear. He is in you. So who do you believe, your favorite teacher and church culture, or what our Father thinks and says on the subject?"

What really bothered her

After a coffee break she calmed down and returned to class. She told me what bothered her is that I was speaking with authority, as if I really knew what I was talking about. She said I wasn't talking about Him like the others, I was talking from Him. She felt fooled by the hype, but now she could see the truth in the verses.

She 'got it' - A light dawned, and for the first time she knew she had been believing doctrines of demons and/or man, and now she had great peace and joy, "The Father really likes me, not just loves me, but likes me, and He lives in me as proof...wow. I can rest in what I have in Him. I know now I live in an open heaven."

Lighten up - the art of knowing

In the same way Jesus turned water into wine but said nothing about it to draw attention to Himself, so too is He working today, humbly, meekly, with a lowly heart - but people's flesh want the spectacular so they tune out His thoughts as they run for the spectacular. His thoughts are just that - thoughts - unseen, quiet, revealed to us personally in our spirit - so that is where we must look for them.

Hebrews 4:6 lists several elements of Christian life, the first 2 being: - "...**enlightened** (Had the revelation from the Father that Jesus is Lord), have tasted the heavenly gift (born again)..."

Enlightened. Also translated as illuminate, in Greek this is 'photizo', from 'phos', meaning "light". It means down inside a person 'a light goes on' to shine revelation into their spirit and soul. This happens before we are born again and leads us to Christ, and it should be a way of life after we are in Christ. My life revolves around enlightenment - this is where communion with the Holy Spirit is found.

Peter's exclamation in Matthew 16:16 that "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", was the result Jesus said, of the Father showing Him that fact. Revelation came first, then the act of confessing it.

Jesus spoke of 'enlightenment' in John 6:40: "And this is the will of Him who sent me; That all who (1) sees the Son and (2) believes on Him, will have eternal life." First you see Him inside, then you act on it, believing. That 'seeing' takes place in your spirit & soul, and we all went through that time of enlightenment.

Jesus continued in verse 45 saying, "Everyone (1) who has heard, and learned of the Father (2) comes to me." The Father first starts dealing with you inside - enlightenment - and THEN you believe.

I live for and in illumination - revelation. It is the single most important element in my walk with the Father. I want to know His thoughts on all things. Paul prayed for 'enlightenment' for the Ephesians and Colossians:

"For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He would grant you the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him, that the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened to know..." and "That you be filled with spiritual wisdom and spiritual knowledge..." (Ephesians 1:15-18, Colossians 1:9)

These are the 2nd most common prayers I pray for myself, the 1st being: "Who or what do you want me to pray for Father?" and "What do you think about it (anything in my life) Father?" and/or "What are **your** thoughts Father?" (When someone expresses an opinion). These are by far the most common 'thing' I pray.

Forsaking our ways and thoughts and accepting His invitation to come up to His higher ways and thoughts in Isaiah 55, means enlightenment and then taking that revelation and changing our thoughts to His. It means change, rearrangement of what we believed and why. It means going against the grain of popular church culture if that culture thinks contrary to His thoughts.

This cannot happen as a matter of just book knowledge. Knowing His ways and thoughts comes from personal revelation - actually knowing Him, letting His Life change us from the inside out...next week, how to do that, as I'm out of space for today...until then,

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The Way the Father & Lord Think #4

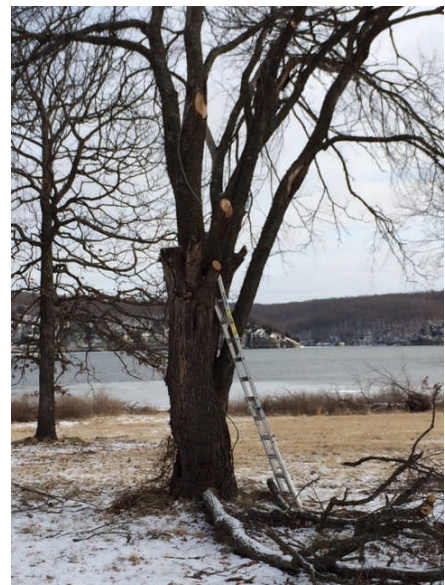
Hi all,

How to walk in His thoughts

I want to walk you through a recent situation in my life to give you an example of how I get the Father's thoughts on a subject rather than share chapter and verse. Sometimes more can be gleaned from a story.

In our backyard is a large but very dead oak tree. It is tall by Oklahoma standards at about 40' (12m) with a trunk at the base of about 3' (1m). Some of the dead branches hang over the swing set our grandchildren play on, and if it fell the wrong way it would fall on the garage and our garden area, so it has to come down.

I thought of hiring a tree service, but their estimate was \$1000, so I shifted my attention down inside my spirit to see what the



Father thought about it. If He gave me an extra \$1000 would I hire them to do the job?

This is the first step of getting His thoughts about an issue in life: Do all you can in the natural, all that is within your power first. I reasoned if I had \$1000 to spend on a tree service, I wouldn't spend that money on it as we are saving towards a remodel for Chris' room with a handicapped equipped bed and bathroom. So I had to be honest with my own heart and Him, telling Him this: "Father if I had the \$1000 I'd spend it on the remodel, not on future fire wood, so don't bother, and you know I like cutting trees anyway."

In the interest of full disclosure, cutting down trees and cutting up firewood is something I really enjoy. In fact we have a rule around the house that Barb be present when I prune any tree - that goes back to early in our marriage and a tree that was so overgrown it looked like a 1968 hippie from San Francisco, but when I was done it looked like a new Marine recruit. Barb was horrified, I replied 'It will grow back', and the 'Barb will be present when pruning' rule went into affect from that day forward.

So, what do you think?

I asked Him - "What do you think about that? Will you guide me to bring it down safely with no damage to me or anything else?" I didn't hear anything, but I didn't sense a 'check' or 'hold' or 'grievance' down in my spirit either, and I've walked with Him enough to know that means proceed using common sense. I'm praying in the spirit/Spirit as I do all this, keeping 'the motor running' so to speak as I commune with Him, my mind focused on anything in my spirit.

So with the choice of hiring it done removed, and no direct word from Him not to, I began seeking the Father as to how I might bring it down.

The branches

As you can see by the fresh cuts in the photo there are (were) 3 large branches on the house side and the rest of the branches on the other side. I have prayed about that tree for months, keeping it on 'simmer' in my mind and spirit, looking at it and saying, "Let me know your thoughts Father about taking down the tree." and "Let me know the day you have determined for me to cut that tree down safely."

Thoughts of 'Is my life insurance enough for Barb if I die doing this?' went through my mind, along with 'what if' scenarios - What if it falls on the garage. What if it falls on the garden area. What if Barb plays filmmaker, hovering in the background narrating a 'Here is John cutting down that big tree' movie for all to see. All sorts of things passed through my mind, trying to figure every angle, every possible scenario, and if any of those scenarios gave off a 'witness' in my spirit good or bad, I'd stop and examine why - but I got nothing - so I knew to use my own judgement and moved forward with confidence.

I also told the Father I didn't want to cut it down if the temperature was below freezing, as equipment works better when warmer, and I didn't want to deal with myself being cold, and I needed no wind - so I asked Him to pick a calm day when it was at least 50 degrees (10c).

Months have passed at this point

I focused on my spirit by trying to sense any thoughts He may have had, but I got nothing, just silence. So I knew to wait for the right day, until it felt right (peace) in my spirit.

Often He is silent because He has no particular thoughts on a matter if the answer is before us and we know what we need to do in the natural - even if that is a difficult decision. I've seen people put off doctor's, business deals, bills and other painful things because they can't get a single thought out of the Father, not realizing that usually means we are to do what we need to do in the natural, walking with Him making point by point decisions together as we go. Sometimes we are too eager, as I was here, and have to wait.

To the tree

Mentally I worked through the order in which I'd cut the tree and what equipment I would use at each step. Finally I saw the weather forecast, sensed in my spirit the day was approaching, and had peace about it.

I had to move the swing set the grandchildren play on when they visit, which I did, then I started work on the branches. The first 2 came down where I wanted them, and now I set my eyes on the uppermost branch.

I have an electric pole saw with a 9 inch chain bar (23cm) on the end of a 9' (3m) pole. I am 6'6" tall (2m) and I put a ladder against the tree which I climbed up about 6' (1.8m). Just so you understand - I'm 6' up the ladder, extending my body and arms fully, while holding a pole saw to the upper branch you can see in the 'after' picture - some 20' (6.5m) off the ground.

Barb pretended to focus on planting her flower bulbs, but out of the corner of my eye, I could see she was playing documentary filmmaker as well, which if you knew her, is completely normal for her to document

everything. This is great when everything works like clockwork, but that wasn't the case that day. Aren't I glad she got it all on video!? lol.

The branch was nearly 1' (30cm) around, and the pole saw was about 2/3 of that. So I cut through part of it, but I would have to move the ladder to the other side of the tree (pictured) and try to cut through the rest of the way from there.

The squeeze

As I was cutting the branch it sagged a bit, squeezing the saw as the full weight of the branch closed the gap I had cut. And there it hung, 20' above the ground. I couldn't believe it. I've had chain saws get pinched like that before when cutting trees - but usually you can either work the saw out or insert a wedge to force the gap open a bit - but this was 20' above the ground so there was no way to remove the saw.

It was 5pm, the sun was low and so was my energy. I knew accidents happen when a person gets tired and grumpy and I was both at this point. So I said, "That's it!" I'm done for the day. I said, "Father, I've done all I can do and now my saw is hanging 20' above the ground. You'll just have to bring the branch down because I've done all I can do. Thanks." And that was that.

It was funny to look out the window and see the saw stuck in the branch in the setting sun (and thanks to Barb we have the video to prove it), with the pole dangling it's full 9' length but still some 10' above the ground. Barb asked, 'How are you going to get it out?' I said, "I don't know, that's the Father's business. I'll pray about it and see if He has a solution for me, but right now I'm taking a shower."

Flash forward 5 hours to a little before 10pm. I'm in bed reading while Barb is in the living room doing the same - every muscle in my body ached from the day's activities and I was about to turn out the light. Suddenly a rushing wind could be heard outside, and twigs and acorns began hitting the side of the house just on the other side of the headboard. Instantly we heard a loud CRACK and the sound of a crash. Barb yelled out, "I think there went your branch!" I said, "Yep, I guess that's how the Father decided He was going to get my saw unstuck - He brought it down Himself."

At first light I surveyed the scene: There lay the branch exactly where I had intended it to fall, and my saw laying next to it as if I had absent mindedly laid it down the night before and walked off - it wasn't even banged up by the fall. "Thanks Father, now let me know when it's time to bring the whole tree down." And the tree stands to this writing, waiting for the Father's day to bring the rest of it down.

Hope my story was a blessing and insightful,
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