

More Mountains & Valleys - (where are you now?)

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Whatever your basic impression of God may be, know this - He has a sense of humor. A great one. Were talking truly 'world class'! Take a look at this:

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; & the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; & God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; & the base things of the world, & things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, & things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence. I Cor. 1:25-29

A guy goes bald. He prays that God will give him back his hair. God listens & says "O.K. you got it!" The next thing the guy knows he has so much hair coming out of his nose, his ears, his eyebrows & back that he wears himself out trying to keep it all trimmed! I think that's pretty funny. We have been blessed by God with the capacity to laugh at ourselves, to see humor in the things that happen to us & around us. It is truly a magnificent gift.



From a practical standpoint there is much that we do not understand about God. In fact, there is very little that we experientially know about Him. Sure, we can read the Bible & see that "God is love". Alright, now what? We may be able to scratch the surface & weed out the 'lust' portion of love. We can put our family & loved ones in the equation & come to a sense of what love means. We may even be willing to sacrifice for those that we 'love'. But love, on a scale which

begins to approach His standard? No. Let's not kid ourselves. This is a whole different level.

'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jn. 3:16

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends Jn. 15:13

We could ponder the heart & mind of God from now till doomsday & never get close to scratching the surface.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, & my thoughts than your thoughts. Isa. 55:8-9

Let's take a look at a few instances in the Bible where folks went from the mountain top to the bottom of the valley only to find out later that they had really been placed, by a loving God, on an even higher mountain!