



# FREEDOM MINISTRIES

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## God Knows Better

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”  
declares the LORD.*

*“As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

God wants me to recognize my ideals,  
my plans and my dreams are  
not always the best. But His  
are!

It’s been so easy in the  
past to envision the future for  
our lives; marriage, family,  
ministry; and imagine what it would be like. I  
remember being a young man, a new believer  
in Christ. I was so idealistic, enthusiastic, full  
of dreams for the future and what I could ac-  
complish for God! So, I set out to do just that.

Sure, I prayed and had godly friends/  
mentors who helped along the way, believing  
the Lord was leading us and He has! But, as so  
often happens, even when we are where we be-

lieve God has us, in our human wis-  
dom, we think it has to be a certain way. We  
are expecting specific outcomes, that situa-  
tions should occur as we envision them. And  
we may expect things to become permanent so  
we can feel secure.

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I can remember beginning to be disillu-  
sioned, frustrated, and confused when that  
didn’t happen. These seeming difficulties tried  
to stop me from trusting God. But ‘His ways are not my  
ways!’ He is always moving  
us toward dependence on  
him, even in awful situations.

**My thoughts are  
not your thoughts**

He wants to transform us into the image of  
Christ and equip us to do his will.

I’ll admit I can be very self-focused ra-  
ther than God-focused. But I’ve learned, as  
Charles Spurgeon said, *‘when you cannot see  
God’s hand, trust His heart.’* When we can’t un-  
derstand God’s ways, we need to focus on His  
perfect knowledge, wisdom, power and love,  
rather than the ‘why’ we usually ask when

### Mission

Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities ex-  
ists to help couples and individuals experi-  
ence freedom in Christ through identifying  
and resolving spiritual and emotional con-  
flicts thus strengthening, empowering and  
helping fulfill their relationship with Jesus  
Christ and others.

### In Memory of Christy Jacks

Thank you to those who gave memorial gifts  
in memory of Christy. She was a blessing to  
all who knew her and continues to bless us  
with happy memories.

God's plans don't seem to gel with what we expected. He sees the entire picture and loves us more than we can imagine. His plans include not only you and me, but all of His creation, and they reach from the beginning of time to eternity. Though we'll never grasp the infinite mind of God, we can know His faithfulness and love.

## *Birdies for Charity*

Thanks to all who sent in pledges for the Birdies campaign. We are so grateful to you for your gifts. July 31 is the cut off, so there is still time to send in your pledge!

**Thank you!**



## *Testimonies*

*I wanted to reach out to you to thank you for your love and support through Freedom Ministries. You met my wife and I about 7 years ago, and you poured God's love into my heartache. You encouraged me to love unconditionally and to wait for my wife to return. Since then I have experienced many amazing God encounters that also have encouraged me to wait for her. I am still waiting and will do so as long as I can. Your confidence in the Lord is inspiring and your love for others is amazing. I hope all is well with you and yours.*

## *Annual CFTH Conference*

**November 6—10, 2016**

**"Understanding and Caring for Another's Heart"**

**Life Point Church  
Palm Bay, FL**

**Evening sessions are free  
And open to the public.**

Afternoon workshops for teaching and training will require registration and fee.

[www.caringfortheheart.com](http://www.caringfortheheart.com)  
Or call 719-572-5550

## *Praise and Prayer*

### **Praise**

- ◆ For God's recent provision, financially, emotionally and spiritually
- ◆ For speaking opportunities at Homewood Free
- ◆ For supporting churches who pray faithfully

### **Prayer**

- ◆ For healing: Wayne's esophagus ulcer
- ◆ An additional Board member in 2016
- ◆ CFTH Annual Conference in November
- ◆ Wisdom and guidance for FM Board Members

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