



## Tangled Mess

### Description

I am convinced and confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return].  
Philippians 1:6 (AMP)

What Are You Doing God?

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**When I was little, my mother used to sew a great deal. I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask what she was doing. She informed me that she was embroidering. As from the underside I watched her work within the boundaries of the little round hoop that she held in her hand. I complained to her that it sure looked messy from where I sat.**

**She would smile at me, look down and gently say, “Son, you go about your playing for a while, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee and let you see it from my side.**

**I would wonder why she was using some dark thread along with the bright ones and why they seemed so jumbled from my view. A few minutes would pass and then I would hear Mother’s voice say, “Son, come and sit on my knee.”**

**Then Mother would say to me, “My son, from underneath it did look messy and jumbled, but you did not realize that there was a plan on the top. It was a design. I was only following it. Now look at it from my side and you will see what I was doing.”**

**Many times through the years I have looked up to heaven and said, “Father, what are You doing?” He has answered, “I am embroidering your life.”**

**I say, “But it looks like a mess to me. It seems so jumbled. The threads seem so dark. Why can’t they all be bright?”**

**The Father seems to tell me, “My child, you go about your business of doing My business, and one day I will bring you to Heaven and put you on My knee and you will see the plan from My side.**

I know that life feels like a big, tangled mess for some of you right now. I can’t begin to answer all of the questions you have, but I can point you to the One who has ALL the answers. We never truly appreciate the design in many things. The embroidered design does look like a mess when you look at it from the wrong perspective. I have no idea how to embroider, so I can appreciate someone who works on an embroidered project. I do know that I have looked at the tangled mess underneath and it doesn’t look all that pretty.

Many times I find myself looking to God and asking what He’s doing in my life. Yes, it looks like a tangled mess to me. The colors don’t look right and it certainly doesn’t feel right. I know how I would have things go, if I were in control. Or at least I think I know how I would have things go. The truth is I really have no idea because I don’t know how one action could effect another action. I don’t know what the whole picture is, only God knows. In fact, I take a look at these last few sentences and think to myself “things need to change.”

It (tangled mess) doesn’t feel right ~ living for God isn’t about feelings!

I’m not in control ~ God is in control!

I don’t need to know how things go ~ God knows how they are going and how they will go!

So what do you say... Let’s stop looking at life from the bottom of the embroidered project. It is a tangled mess from where we see things. We’ll never fully understand things from this perspective. However, I do like the idea that one day God will invite us to hear the story of how it all comes together. The plan, the pattern, the design...it is a work in progress...you my friend are a work in progress!

*Dear Father God, I admit that I become distracted by the mess I sometimes see in life. It’s difficult to not understand the things that happen around me and sometimes in me. Lord, I know I don’t need to have the answers to follow You. You are the Answer. I continue to give my life to You and all that I am.*

Giving my Tangles in Life to You,  
Sarah

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