By the Way, Lord

The story is told of a mother and son who lived in a forest. One day when they were out for a walk, a tornado surprised them.

The mother clung to a tree and tried to hold her son. But the swirling winds carried him into the sky. He was gone. Out of sight.

The woman began to weep and pray: "Please, O Lord, bring back my boy! He's all I have. I'd do anything not to lose him. If You will bring him back, I'll serve You all my days."

Suddenly, the boy toppled from the sky, right at her feet – a bit mussed up, but safe and sound.

His mother joyfully brushed him off. Then she stopped for a moment, looked to the sky, and said, "He had a hat, Lord."

This illustration raises the question: Are you content with what God has given you? He created you. He gave you specific, unique abilities. He had a purpose in mind for you. Are you living out His plan for you?

Or are you prone to look to the heavens and ask for something more – something that doesn't really matter in His will for your life?

--Beecher Hunter