

## The Whole Picture

While Michelangelo was working on St. Peter's Cathedral, he was criticized by some of the men who were laboring on the building. They didn't like what they saw and they told him so. The great artist responded, "Even if I were able to make my plans and ideas clear to you – which I am not – I am not obliged to do so. I must ask you to do your best to help me, and when the work is complete the conception will be better understood."

History has confirmed that he was right. Those who found fault with his work were doing so out of ignorance. Not understanding what was in the mind of the artist, they couldn't see the whole picture and full design.

You may be going through the deep waters of trial, affliction or adversity today and cannot understand what God is doing in your life. From our limited point of view, it often appears that everything is wrong and out of control. But rest assured that He knows what He is doing.

Just remember: Something wonderful often begins with something difficult.

*He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.*  
Job 23:10

--Beecher Hunter