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## When We Do Not Have All the Answers!

*"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."*

One of the problems of the microwave society in which we live is that we want all the answers to all the questions at once. Rather than trusting God for one day at a time and living life at its fullest in the present moment, we look to the future, tomorrow, even to years from now.

This is the source of many of our emotional problems. We are worrying about problems that haven't even arisen. We try to face them today and find the answer now.

The writer George Jackson, in a tribute to editor Robertson Nicol of the British Weekly, wrote, "He flung down a bunch of keys for me and has set me to opening doors for myself on every side of me."

This is what God does. God does not open all the doors to all the answers, but flings down a bunch of keys and lets us find them and use them to unlock the doors for ourselves. God does not give us a retreat from the pressure of life, but enables us to live with determination even amid the perplexities that confound us.

**Amen**

**Rev. Paul Ingram**

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*I have now been blessed with a week as your Interim Minister. Thank you for your warm welcome, your generous hospitality, and a love that I can feel already. I look forward to a great time together.*

*Remember to pray for each other by name. And when you have a moment, please say a prayer for Paul too!  
God Bless, Paul*