

## **“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

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Last week, Western South Dakota got hammered by a blizzard! Over a two day period, much of the Black Hills and western plains of the state dealt with snow and wind that virtually shut down that part of the region. It was a tough process; but, for those in the drought-stricken prairies and Southern Hills the inconvenience brought life-giving moisture.

Sometimes the troubles and trials of life can produce something wonderful. Take, for example, Jesus. God, incarnate, left heaven and came to earth; lived the life of a pauper; then died the death of a common criminal. All-in-all, it was an incredibly tough process; but, it produced a life-giving salvation. Hundreds of years before Jesus' life on earth, an Old Testament prophet spoke of this anomaly by noting, “ ... He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

What's going on in our lives? Let remember it could be making us better, so let's avoid the temptation to become bitter.

Think about it! For the Madison Avenue Church of Christ; this is Charlie Wharton.