## That Thing to Deal With

And so it was, I grabbed the key for my sister's mailbox and began the icy walk. I soon realized I still had my purse hanging on my shoulder. "Grrr-just something else to deal with". Upon my arrival to the mailboxes, I slid in the key, only to realize everything was iced over. I rubbed at the ice with my gloved hand, I breathed on it and then to myself I said, "Duh, Billie, - find something in your purse". I found an object great for chiseling and 'voila' - I could finally get the mail door open.

As I walked back, I began to think - if I hadn't had that purse (thing to deal with) - I would not have had the helpful item....I don't know what your "thing to deal with" is and how it might seem to be weighing you down - but I do believe God can turn that "thing" into a blessing. May you rest secure knowing that God works in ways FAR beyond our understanding. "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:7

*Note from the writer:* LWML Ohio District Senior Counselor, Pastor Daniel Herb, after reading the parable above which had been sent to him for approval, shared his "take-away" from the mailbox experience. His analogy is worth sharing and discussing.

- Heaven was frozen shut from the wages of sin.
- Jesus was the Father's tool to "voila" open His kingdom to all believers as His tomb was opened.
- The Word of God that weighs our conscience down is the very "thing" needed to bring us to repentance and the knowledge of forgiveness in Christ our Savior.
- To the world, many may wonder why you bother with Jesus and His way (that thing).



This writer thanks Pastor Herb for his insight – it took her "mailbox experience" to a much higher level.