

Attitude Adjustment: Down but Not Out

"Pressure is closing in on me, too many demands, not enough time. Money, my job, my kids, things are out of control and getting worse."

Jan. 12, Fourth and Goal: Peter steps out of the boat, Matthew 14:22-33

1. What do you do, where do you go when the storms of life hit?
2. On a scale from 1 to 10, where is your trust level in God? Why do you give yourself that rating?
3. How you ever experienced the Lord saying "Come to me"?

Jan. 5, 2008, Family Stress: Fracas in the family, Luke 15:11-32

1. Jesus tells this story to convey His image of the Father. How would you rate the Father as a parent? As a parent how are you like the Father?
2. Which character is most like you in the parable?
3. How does this image of God make a difference in your life?

Dec. 29, 2007, Blowing It: Peter denies Jesus, Luke 22: 54-65

1. What do you think is going on in both Jesus and Peter as Jesus looks at Peter after the denial?
2. How have you recovered from failure? Did your faith play any role?
3. If you had been in Peter's shoes, do you think you would have denied Jesus? Why or why not?

Dec. 22, Chaos: Looking to what is eternal, 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

1. Having listened to St. Paul for several weeks, what do you find admirable in him? Is he someone to whom you can relate in any way?
2. Paul speaks about carrying a treasure in earthen vessels. Do you have a sense of God's grace working through you even in your frailties?
3. Paul also says "Everything is for you." In what way is the true for you?

Dec. 15, Demands: Paul's boasting, 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

1. Paul is able to boast in his sufferings because of his deep belief in the risen Jesus. Why do you believe in the existence of a personal God and in the resurrection of Jesus?
2. What do you boast of a gifts from God? What talents has God given you?
3. Do you see any of your sufferings as gifts from God?

Dec. 8, Pressures: Weighed down beyond our strength, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

1. Who have been the people in your life who have encouraged you in time of affliction? Do you have a sense that they have been sent by God?
2. Have you ever been weighed down beyond your strength? What got you through?
3. Do you believe in intercessory prayer? Do you use it?