

SUNDAY—MAY 17

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MONDAY—MAY 11

2 Kings 13-14; John 2

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*Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

**2. Face Your Problem.** Look squarely at the thought that keeps gnawing at you from the back of your mind or from deep within your heart, causing a black cloud to hang over your head day and night. It would be a good idea to get alone where no one can interfere with your thoughts. Then list all the things that you dislike about yourself. Nobody is going to see this paper unless you choose to show someone, so be completely honest. Identify your most serious problems as best as possible. Then when you are finished, go back through the list and put a checkmark by those items that worry you the most—the problems that you spend the most time thinking and fretting about.

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2 Kings 24-25; John 5:1-24

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*Exodus 4:10 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.*

If you read your Bible—and I hope you do—you'll learn that God does not choose superstars to do His work. All through the ages, God has selected ordinary people with human flaws, people who were less than perfect, to do His jobs. When Jesus was choosing His disciples, He didn't select the most powerful and popular men in the country at the time. He chose ordinary fisherman, and even a tax collector who was hated among the community. You may remember the story of Moses. He felt very inadequate and inferior, just as so many people do today. Just like Moses, your excuses won't work, because God intends to HELP you do whatever it is that He has called you to do! You have with you God's power!

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2 Kings 22-23; John 4:31-54

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*2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*

**God knows and God cares.** When you yield those unchangeable situations to the Lord, you can be assured of God's love and acceptance. By yielding, you are saying, "Lord, I want Your will for my life, not because I'm a superhuman, but because You promised to help those who admit their weaknesses. I'm depending on YOUR strength to make something beautiful out of my life." The Bible teaches us to reveal this humble dependence on the Lord, and He will honor it! Did you know that God sees you when you hurt? He knows the deep fears and frustrations that you think no one understands. He knows the longings of your heart, and He's always there to be with you when you're alone.

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2 Kings 15-16; John 3:1-18

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*Proverbs 17:17  
A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

**Find a True Friend.** Now you're ready to take some action to improve your circumstances. It would be a good idea to select someone you trust, a person in whom you have confidence. This should be an adult who understands the problems of a young person. Perhaps it will be a parent, teacher, or pastor. Ask the Lord to guide you to the right person. Take that list to that trusted leader and go over it with him/her, discussing each one of your problems. Talk openly about your feelings, asking your guide to make suggestions about the difficulties that concern you.

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WEDNESDAY—MAY 13

2 Kings 17-18; John 3:19-36

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*Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

It is very likely that many of the problems you face have been overcome by other people. You may be able to profit from their experience also. There might be an easy solution available. Maybe you don't have to go through life struggling with the same concerns that have troubled other people. Your first step, then, is to map a strategy, a plan of action, a way of solving your problems. You'll feel much better having discussed your worries openly, and you might discover some successful solution. It's sad to think that so many endure unnecessary heartaches simply because they don't have the courage to reach out to someone. People can't read your mind. You've got to say something!

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*Psalm 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

But how will you handle the remaining items on your list that can't be changed? What can you do with the more difficult problems that defy solution? It would be wise to remember that the best way to have a healthy mind is to learn to accept those things that you cannot change. There will always be circumstances that we wish we could rearrange or remove. However, the happiest people in the world are not those who have no problems, but the people who have learned to live with those things that are less than perfect. These are the difficult sacrifices we must present to the Lord. We yield our lives into His hands in the case of these unchangeable matters.

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