

Unique Ministry Opportunities through Support Groups

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*“But he knoweth the way that I take; when he hath tried me,
I shall come forth as gold.” Job 23:10*

Often human weakness is the tool used to bring about a positive purpose for our lives.

I. Struggle (Refined)

- A. Name yours
- B. How are you doing?
 - 1. How does my faith affect my struggle?
 - 2. Will my struggle affect my faith?
- C. Source of help
 - 1. God is my help
 - 2. God is sovereign
 - a. He will always determine what is best
 - b. He will always give direction

II. Support (Remolded)

- A. Share
 - 1. Express feelings and pain
 - 2. Draw support from others (keeps us in good fighting condition)
 - 3. Include family members
- B. Educational Information
 - 1. Learn coping skills and treatment tips
 - 2. Remove a great deal of fear
- C. Explore Feelings
 - 1. Warm and Fuzzy
 - 2. Cold and Prickly

3. Who chooses?
 - a. God chooses *what* we go through
 - b. We choose *how* we go through it

- D. Offering Support
 1. What to say
 2. What to do
 3. When to listen
 4. You have not ministered until you get outside yourself!

III. Survive (Like New)

- A. Hope
 1. Is an absolute
 2. Is our purpose

- B. Trust
 1. Past
 2. Future
 3. Present

- C. Victory
 1. How important
 2. Attainable

IV. Summary

- A. We usually want deliverance, but God has an additional purpose beyond just rescuing us.

- B. Joy is restored when hope is renewed.