

Lesson 1 : The Power of the Cross.

The problem is self-_____ and the solution is the _____ of Jesus.

Philippians 3:5-6: "...circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless."

Acting like a _____: I was too quick to _____ other people, and too eager to tell them what they were doing _____.

If God asked me, "Why do you _____ to get into heaven?" the only right answer I can say is, "Because the _____ of Jesus." I have no reason to feel religiously _____ over anyone.

A couple of years into being a _____, I found a job that didn't come easily for me. I felt _____ for the number of really big challenges people were facing in their lives...

Lesson 2 : Dependence on God.

The problem is self-_____ and the solution is to "_____ in Christ".

God needed my _____ and my limitations. He needed me to be less _____-reliant and more _____-reliant and prayer dependent.

Lesson 3 : Fellowship with God

The problem is _____ and resilience, and the solution is _____ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2: "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

The _____ of Peter... 3 times he is asked, "Do you love me?"

"The love of the _____ or the ministry can't sustain us. Only the _____ of Jesus can keep us from _____ or from calling it quits. Our first love is our first _____..."

We have to be a _____ of God before we can be a _____ of God.

Conclusion:

I cannot always _____ the goodness of God. I do not always _____ the goodness of God. There are moments when I even _____ the goodness of God. But, I can say that all my life, God has been _____.

Questions for Further Reflection or Discussion:

- 1) Do you need to watch out for self-righteousness and embrace that you are saved by grace and not by works?
- 2) Do you need to work on depending more on God and accepting your limitations?
- 3) Do you need to come back again to your first love, and keep seeking tenaciously after God to keep Him at the very center of your identity?