PRAYER REQUESTS

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GROUP SESSION #2





PEAKS AHEAD

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Okay, let's jump in and find out what each group member is facing in life. If you had to look ahead to the next week, next month and next season, what's ahead of you that's giving you concern and making you lose some sleep? Share with the group.

How can your accountability team be of the greatest help to you through the challenges you're facing? Prayer is the primary place to start, but beyond prayer, what? For example, how can they best come alongside? Counsel? Activity? Calls when you're struggling? etc.

One thing to keep in mind, sometimes we need to get away from the office and food to get out into nature. Maybe your group can come alongside in that manner. Be creative as a group.

YOU'RE STRONGER THAN YOU KNOW, AND WEAKER THAN YOU THINK.

I'M HERE FOR YOU

As part of coming alongside your brother(s), sharing with them your strengths isn't arrogant; it's important. Sharing your weaknesses with them isn't running yourself down...it's being real.

Have each member of the group finish these sentences:

"As we're talking about supporting each other, you should know that I'm pretty strong when it comes to...."

"When it comes to supporting me, everyone should know one of my primary weaknesses is...."

WHAT GOD SAYS

2 Corinthians 12:6–10 (The Message) If I had a mind to brag a little, I could probably do it without looking ridiculous, and I'd still be speaking plain truth all the way. But I'll spare you.

I don't want anyone imagining me as anything other than the fool you'd encounter if you saw me on the street or heard me talk. Because of the extravagance of those revelations, and so I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan's angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it.

Three times I did that, and then he told me, My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness. Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.

Read once, read again, say in your own words.