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Holman Street Baptist Church:

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“DEVELOPING MY RELATIONSHIPS”

Lesson # 8: I Can Encourage Myself Through Tough Times As I Grow My New Identity With Christ

Bible Fact: God’s word teaches believers the positive value of how to humanly relate to themselves in a spiritually appropriate manner.

Bible Text: Luke 10:27b

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Aim: To lead students to improve their individual spiritual relationship with themselves by knowing God's will for their life.

Somerset Maugham, the English writer, once wrote a story about a janitor at St Peter's Church in London. One day a young vicar discovered that the janitor was illiterate and fired him.

Jobless, the man invested his meager savings in a tiny tobacco shop, where he prospered, bought another, expanded, and ended up with a chain of tobacco stores worth several hundred thousand dollars. One day the man's banker said, "You've done well for an illiterate, but where would you be if you could read and write?" "Well," replied the man, "I'd be janitor of St. Peter's Church in Neville Square." - Bits and Pieces, June 24, 1993, p. 23.

My successes in this life often are crystallized by our disadvantages and weakness. Our weaknesses seem to give power to go beyond the traditional to excel. Christ helps me to become the real success that I am in life. It is always true that I can do nothing without Christ (John 15:5). With God I can do all things (Philippians 4:13). There are three (3) things I can do to help me through tough times:

I. I will stop the victim mentality. Read Psalm 34:1

According to Psalm 8:4 I can describe my position with God that gives me assurance of whom I am when things are not going well.

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II. I will trash worry and learn to trust God's plan for my life. Read Matthew 6:25-34 & Proverbs 3:5,6

I can re-write the words of Jeremiah 29:11 in my own words as it reveals God's will and outcome for my life.

III. I will conquer the fears that face me with spiritual fortitude and confidence.

In II Timothy 1:7 I can identify and list three positive sources that God gave to me to fight against fear when I became His child.

IV. Discuss five (5) of your personal fears with another fellow Bible student that God helped overcome in your life for Christ. Make a list by writing them down.