

Side by Side – Introduction and Chapter One

- **From the Introduction**

1. What is the major premise of the book?
2. What prevents you from admitting you need help?
3. What prevents you from helping others?
4. Can you explain this quote from Welch? “Jesus introduced a new era in which weakness is the new strength.”
5. Do you sense it is true in your life that friends have helped you more than so-called experts? Consider this – 50 members, 6 officers at Grace.

- **From the First Chapter**

1. More Scriptural proof that life is hard; Genesis 3:14-19, Psalm 28:1-5, Ecclesiastes 2:22-23, John 15:18-20, II Corinthians 11:23-28, I Peter 4:12-19.
2. Admitting life is hard is not complaining, but it can lead to that. How do we prevent that from taking place?
3. Note the hardships listed on page 17. Any apply to you in your life right now? Which one(s) more than others?
4. Not the concentric circles on page 18 which help organize the circumstances of your lives. Did Welch leave out any that are prominent in our life?
5. More Scriptural proof that God is over all things and surrounds our circumstances: Psalm 28:6-9, John 16:33, I Peter 5:10.
6. Did you find this comment helpful? “We don’t have to add requests. Just speak.”
7. Have you identified the top three hard things that are coming at you?
8. Have you taken time to speak your hard things to the Lord-who-hears?