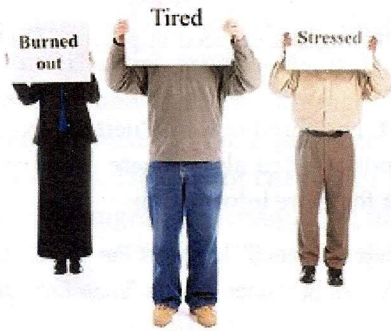




The Rest of the Story



Struggling with the issues and storms of life is endemic to our existence in this world (Job 14:1). Yet in each struggle we face, to deal with it properly, we are forced to examine ourselves. I have to confess, as much as I dislike struggling with painful issues and stresses in my life “under the sun,” I am thankful for them.

It is David who prayed, “*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*” (Psalms 139:23-24) David experienced the trials of life, many of his own making, but he was nonetheless a man after God’s own heart. Why? As it was for him, so it is for us; through trials God is helping us to see ourselves as He sees us. To see ourselves as God sees us, requires the honesty and integrity of a faith, like David’s in the midst sin’s ruin in our life (Psalms 51:1-17).

On the other hand, Job is our model when we suffer through no fault of our own. Here is a man with an abundance of everything in life that means anything. *Continued on page 3*

