

# VERTICALLY CHALLENGED

“I GOT HURT”  
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**1. There are plenty of ways to get \_\_\_\_\_ hurt at church:**

- moral failure by clergy
- ugly words from other Christians
- neglected in time of crisis
- church politics
- judged harshly for mistakes
- hypocrites as far as the eye can see

**2. Some respond by \_\_\_\_\_ from church by:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ away
- \_\_\_\_\_ away
- \_\_\_\_\_ away
- \_\_\_\_\_ away



**3. Some people choose to remain a \_\_\_\_\_ long after the offense.**

St. Paul wrote these words when talking about a hurt that he experienced:

*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.*

(2 Corinthians 12:9, The Message)

**4. We need to “quit focusing on the handicap” and think about what God wants for us in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Some Suggestions:**

- Make sure you have a clear \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don’t use hurts as an \_\_\_\_\_.
- FIDO – “forget it and \_\_\_\_\_ on.”
- Make a new \_\_\_\_\_.



**Next Week:** “I am mad at God”