

We toss and turn on our beds. What should I do? What shall I say? What if what I do makes things worse? Maybe I'll just write a letter. Or should I call when I know no one will be there to pick up, and then I'll just leave a voice mail. That's it; a voicemail.... Ringing, ringing, "Hello." Now what? Oh no! Just hang up...now! Oh no, they have caller ID. Now it must be face-to-face. But, what will they think? I wish I could just fly away.

Sure, it's happened to me. When have you wrestled with just the right way to deal with a difficult situation? What do you do when your solution could have used some fine-tuning? *"A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out"* (Prov. 20:5, TEV). So, where do we get such insight?

The Apostle Paul faced "thin-ice relationships" on many occasions. His divinely inspired solution: ***round up your thoughts...in God's presence.*** (2 Corinthians 10:1-5)

Relationships can present us with lots of challenges:

Caution may well be the better part of valor:

Round up your thoughts in God's presence:

The authority of the local church

Personal Application and Conversations

1. What is the featured attraction of your daydreams?

2. Recall a time when you needed to address a sensitive issue with someone. How did you decide between a call, text, letter, or a face-to-face encounter?

3. What do you do when your mind is racing through all sorts of schemes to deal with a difficult situation?

4. What difference does a fresh awareness of God's presence have to do with your thought process?



Round up Your Thoughts

2 Corinthians 10:1-5

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