

# EASTER STORIES

## EVERYONE'S STORY

- We all face similar things
  1. Pressure - stressful urgency caused by the necessity of having to do/achieve
  2. Pain - physical, mental, and/or emotional discomfort or suffering
  3. Problems - a situation, matter, or person that causes difficulty or needs to be dealt with

## HIS STORY

- Jesus was under pressure
  1. Expectations from the people - that He would restore Israel to power
  2. The internal pressure before the cross (**Luke 22:44 NKJV**)
- Jesus experienced pain (**John 19:1-5 NKJV**)
  1. Pilate wanted to let Jesus go - he knew Jesus was innocent
  2. Jesus passed up the gall - a drink that would numb the pain
- Jesus dealt with problems
  1. Family problems - His siblings did not believe in Him
  2. His team; one betrayed Him, one denied knowing Him, all of them abandoned Him
  3. For three years, He was consistently opposed by the religious elite of the nation (**Luke 23:34 NKJV**)
  4. The biggest problem Jesus dealt with and resolved was not His - it was our problem. (**Romans 3:23 NKJV**) (**Romans 4:24-25 NKJV**)

## OUR STORY: NOW WE HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

- Now we are better equipped to handle life's pressure
  1. The pressures of life don't go away, but... (**Philippians 4:13 NKJV**)
- Now we have answers for life's pain (**Luke 4:18 NKJV**)
  1. Jesus came to relieve pain
- Now, we have a different perspective on life's problems
  1. We are not facing problems alone (**Psalms 23:4 NKJV**)