

Adjusting to Problems

In the introduction to Catherine Marshall's *A Closer Walk*, her husband of 23 years, Leonard LeSourd, writes about their marriage in 1959:

"Catherine had huge adjustments to make. She sold her Washington dream house to move to Chappaqua, 40 miles north of New York City, so that I could continue to commute to my job at *Guideposts* in the city. My children – Linda, 10; Chester, 6; Jeffrey, 3 – had been through a deeply unsettling two years, adjusting to a variety of housekeepers. They had mixed feelings toward moving into a new house, and especially toward 'the new Mommie' that Daddy's bringing home.'

"Catherine's son, Peter John, 19 was going through a period of rebellion at Yale.

"Catherine and I had so many things to pray about that we began to rise an hour early each morning to read the Bible and seek answers together. Her current journal lay open beside us in these pre-dawn prayer times, recording *our* changing needs, *His* unchanging faithfulness."

The conclusion for Leonard and Catherine – and for us: The more you have crammed into your schedule, and the more problems you have, the more you have to pray about.

– Beecher Hunter