BE INTENTIONAL

Moving From Burnout to Blessing

1. What is stress really? Stress is **ACCELERATED** wear and tear.

Burnout has 4 phases:

- a. Starts with a <u>NEW BEGINNING</u> where there is high energy or high expectations.
- b. Then there's a <u>LESSENING OF ENERGY</u>. You become physically & emotionally drained, and more detached from people.
- c. Chronic <u>EXHAUSTION</u>. Sleep difficulty, body symptoms: headache, upset stomach, etc.
- d. <u>CRISIS</u> Stage. Apathy, exhausted, can't work, detached, increasing physical symptoms.
- 2. <u>BE INTENTIONAL</u> when experiencing the wear and tear of stress. (*Matthew 26:36-46*)
- 3. Three means of coping with terrible stress:
 - a. You PRAY through until there's a breakthrough.
 - b. **SUPPORT** of Christian friends.
 - c. Trust God & submit to His WILL. (2 Corinthians 1:3-11 & 1:4)