

## **Day 8: Healing:**

*“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”*

**- James 5:14-15**

### **Read:**

Today’s devotional will have a great deal of reading. This is because there is so much wisdom and truth in God’s Word on this subject. There will be some hard truths. Let His Word be a good counsel and a help to you today.

*“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.” - Romans 5:12-14*

*for “All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls, - 1 Peter 1:24*

## Think:

Sickness is still present due to the fall of man (Adam and the original sin) which has resulted in the curse of sin on our lives. This has led to us having weak, frail, and limited bodies.

It's important to recognize the reason we need healing.

There is a separation from God that we are born with. This is sad, but it is real. These failing material bodies of ours temporarily house the eternal, immaterial souls we possess. Let's take a look at some more explanations from God's Word.

**- Illness may occur because of unconfessed sin in one's life.**

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.*

*Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no  
iniquity,*

*and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

*For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.*

*For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

**- Psalm 32:1-4**

**- Illness can be used by God to bring glory to Himself.**

*Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." - John 11:1-4*

All of this is to say that there are many reasons that we deal with sickness. Many of the reasons are completely unknown to mankind.

When one is looking for healing they must know that God will give what is needed so a person can function as God commanded in spite of the physical sickness.

*"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." - 2 Corinthians 9:8-9*

God desires for you to be victorious and not a victim in your response to physical illnesses. **(see Job 1:1-2:10 and 1 Corinthians 15:57)**

This may be difficult to read or hear, especially for those that are in the middle of some sort of a disease process, depression, addiction...etc, but becoming more like Christ must be our primary goal. Getting over our illness is secondary. What benefit is it to have health, but know nothing of the Savior? Relief is nice. Yes, it truly is. That call that the cancer is gone is music to the ears. The addict that no longer desires to seek a high. What a beautiful thing! But what is even sweeter in the eyes of the Lord? Victory in your heart with Christ as your confessed savior.

### **Pray:**

Seek the real healing. Don't just treat the outward symptoms. Look to God to heal the deep, deep root cause. Surrender. Repent of sin. Ask Christ to be Lord and savior of your life. These failing material bodies of ours temporarily house the eternal, immaterial souls we possess.

Go to the Lord in prayer. Ask for the healing you need. Have the faith that He will provide the need. Do not let the enemy make you feel alone in the fight. At **LeaveAMark**, you are surrounded by people that will love you and support you. If you are struggling with a major diagnosis, reach out to your small group leader. If you are not in a small group, reach out to us at **LeaveAMark**. We have a Compassion team and a Prayer team that are faithfully ready to pray for you!

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