

Healing Long Term Illness

Gal. 6:2 “Carry each other’s burdens...”

Rom. 12:15 “Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.”

Mk.5:22“...one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet²³ and pleaded earnestly with him, ‘My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.’²⁴ So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around Him.²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.²⁷ ...she came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak,²⁸ because she thought, ‘If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed.’²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.³⁰ He turned around in the crowd and asked, ‘Who touched my clothes?’³⁴ ...He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.’”

Sympathy: I feel compassion towards you.

Empathy: I know what you are going through.

How to talk to and express care for someone who is in a long-term battle:

Pray for them.

Tell them, “I am praying for you.”

Express my love.

Mk. 5:35“While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. ‘Your daughter is dead,’ they said. ‘Why bother the teacher anymore?’³⁶ Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, ‘Don’t be afraid; just believe.’³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.³⁹ He went in and said to them, ‘Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.’⁴⁰ But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was.⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha koum!’ (which means ‘Little girl, I say to you, get up!’).⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.”

Lessons for a long-term battle:

Don't let anything keep me from Jesus.

Don't let doubts keep me from Jesus.

Don't let others keep me from Jesus.

God hasn't forgotten me.

One touch from Jesus changes everything.

Jm. 5:14 "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up."