

The Bible teaches and shows us that no one is immune from suffering and sickness. Are you experiencing a sickness or illness in your life that seems impossible to overcome? Does God really care about what I am going through? Is He able to heal this disease? Where can I find strength to face the challenges of another day? Can I help someone who is suffering? Whether whispered in a hospital hallway or cried out loud in a time of anguished prayer, these questions are a call for peace in the midst of personal pain or the suffering of a loved one. How wonderful it is to know that the answers can readily be found in God's Word—in the Bible.

You are encouraged today to surrender your health to God with an open heart and seek His direction in your prayers. God reminds us that His strength is made perfect in our weakness. God loves us; He is filled with goodness and great compassion. Learn of His power to heal and of the strength and salvation He offers. Find comfort in these Bible verses which is God's word to you and draw closer to God. These Scriptures have brought immense comfort, peace and reassurances to millions in times of sickness and suffering. You can experience the same thing. Please read them slowly and pray over them as God works on your attitude and state of mind.

God is the healer of our diseases

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:2-5)

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray." "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 sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:13-14)



You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7-8)

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. (Psalm 34:17)

God is our Comfort

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139: 7, 9-10, 23-24)

If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 31b, 35, 37-39)

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)



Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy

When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy (Matthew 8:1-3).

The Faith of the Centurion

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralysed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment (Matthew 8:5-10, 13).

Jesus Heals Many



When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.

This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases." (Matthew 8:5-1-16)

Prayer

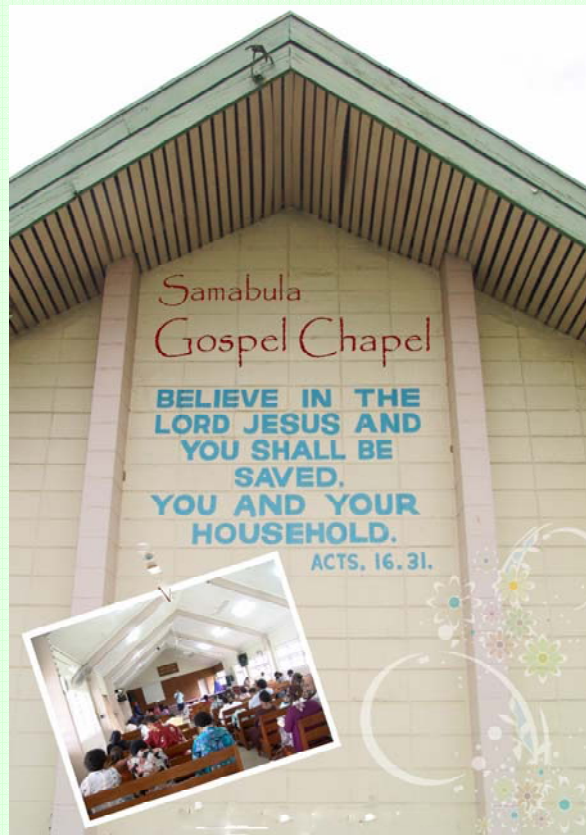
Dear Heavenly Father, you know me so much better than I do because you created me. I am made in your image. You know my sickness and the burden I carry. You also know my heart and the pain and suffering I am going through.

Father, I don't always understand your ways, I don't know why I am sick and why I have to suffer, but I trust you. If there is a sin in my life that needs to be confessed and forsaken, please help me see this. I confess my sins to you and ask humbly to forgive me.

Lord, let your will be done in my life. I believe you hear this earnest prayer from my heart and I humbly ask that you look with mercy and grace toward me. Nourish my spirit and soul in this time of suffering and comfort me with your presence. Give me strength Lord through this difficulty and may you, through this sickness of mine be glorified.

I have faith in you and trust in the plan you have for my life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray.

Amen.



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Medicine from God: Bible Verses to Encourage and Comfort the Sick

