







Next Week Sermon

My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

Psalm 22

PREACHER

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October 30, 2022

Part 1 - Life as a Sojourner : Lessons from the Journey of Jacob

Genesis 47:1-12

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Arnold Lim

November 6, 2022

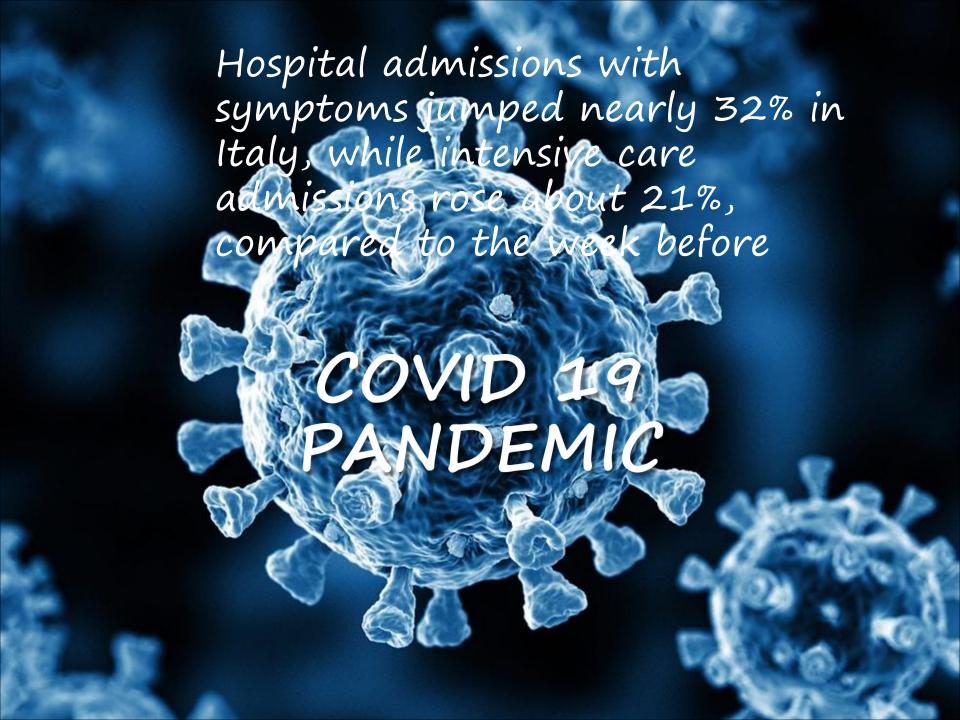
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HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER FOR HEALING Isaiah 38-39



| Rank Top Five Causes of Death Globally | Cause | Est death since start 2020 | Estimated % of all deaths since 2020 |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Ischaemic Heart Disease | 20. 5 million | 15. 4% |
| 2 | Covid 19 (reported) | 17 million | 11.0% |
| 3 | Stroke Chronic | 14.7 million | 5. 5% |
| 4 | Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | 7.4 million | 5.0% |
| 5 | Lower Resp | 5.6 million | 4.2% |

DEATH TOLL

[HIGHEST TO LOWEST]

It is hard to calculate and forecast the impact of COVID-19 because the disease is new to medicine, and data is still coming in.

*Johns Hopkins University estimates

200M

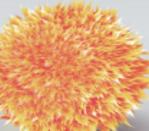
Black Death (Bubonic Plague)

1347-1351



56M Smallpox

1520



40-50M Spanish Flu



30-50M Plague of Justinian 541-542





The plague originated in rats and spread to humans via infected fleas. The outbreak wiped out 30-50% of Europe's population. It took more than 200 years for the continent's population to recover.

Smallpox killed an estimated 90% of Native Americans. In Europe during the 1800s, an estimated 400,000 people were being killed by smallpox annually. The first ever vaccine was created to ward off smallpox. The death toll of this plague is still under debate as new evidence is uncovered, but many think it may have helped hasten the fall of the Roman Empire.



25-35M HIV/AIDS 1981-PRESENT

12M The Third Plagu 1855



5.4M* COVID-19 2019-8:00am PT, DEC 28, 2021



Antonine Plague 165-180



17th Century Great Plagues



1.1M Asian Flu 1957-1958



1M Russian Flu 1889-1890

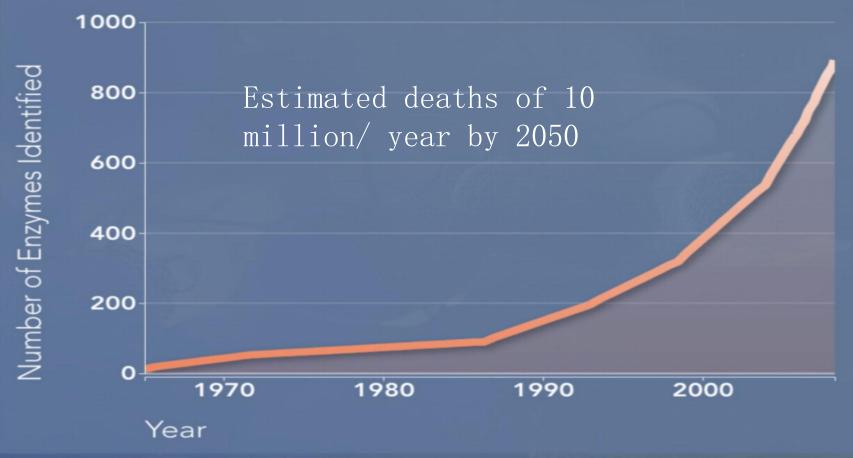


Hong Kong Flu

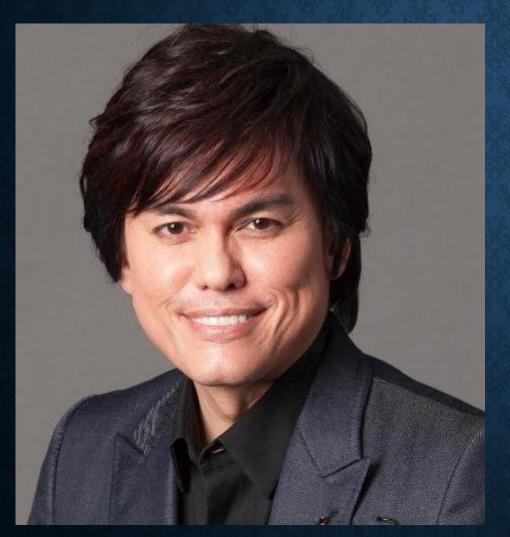
Increasing Antibiotic Resistance

Bacteria have rapidly evolved and developed proteins to resist and destroy antibiotics

Antibiotic Resistance Enzymes (β-lactamase)

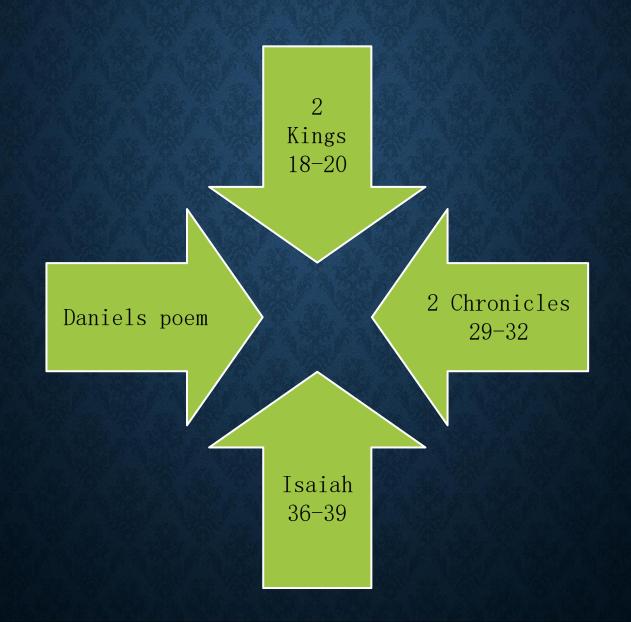






When you take God
as your Jehovah
Shalom, this is what
He says to you: "Do
not fear, you shall not
die."

SOURCES OF HEZEKIAH'S STORY



HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER FOR HEALING

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- 2. Lament allows us to process the pain
- 3. Healing is not the final answer, transformation is





THE PRAYER

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THE PRAYER

Isaiah 38:16 O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. Oh <u>restore me to health</u> and make me <u>live!</u>



GODS ANWSER

Isaiah 38:4-6 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: 5 "Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. 6 I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and will defend

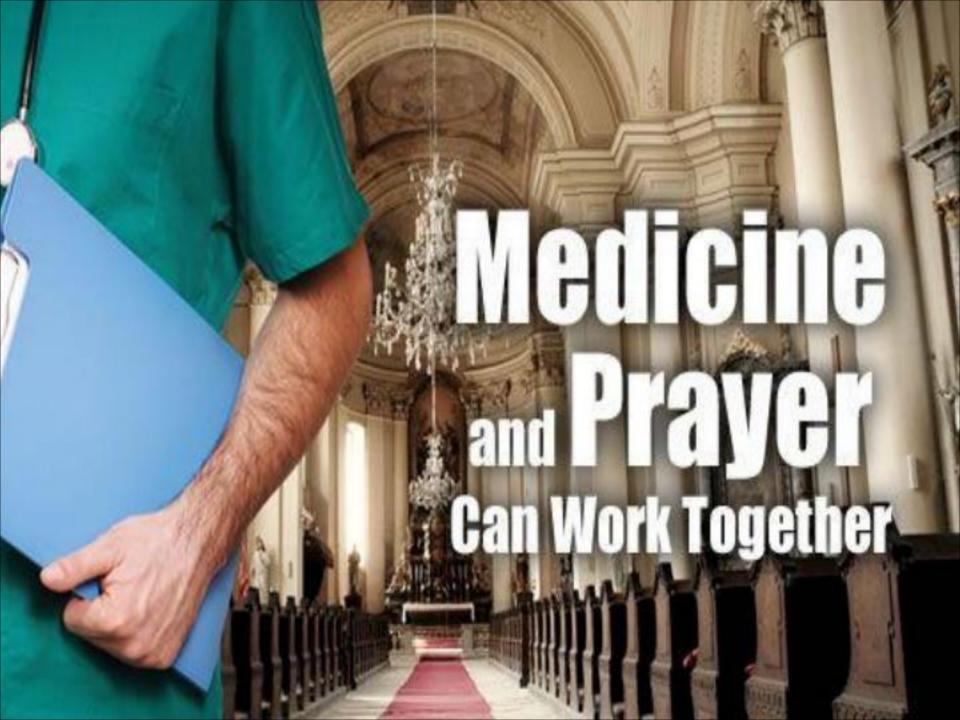


SIMULTANEOUS USE OF MEDICINE

Isaiah 38:21 (ESV) Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a cake of figs and apply it to the boil, that he may recover."







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Creating an Atmosphere for the Miraculous



Isaiah 38:10-11 (ESV) I said, In the middle of my days

I must depart;

I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, the LORD in the land of the living; I shall look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world.



Isaiah 38:12-13 (ESV) My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent; like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night you bring me to an end; 13 I calmed myself until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end.





IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT

Numbers 11:1 And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp



Numbers 11:20b because you have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before him, saying, "Why did we come out of Egypt?" "

COMPLAINT

LAMENT

complaint is an accusation against God that maligns His character

an appeal to God based on confidence in His character.

COMPLAINT





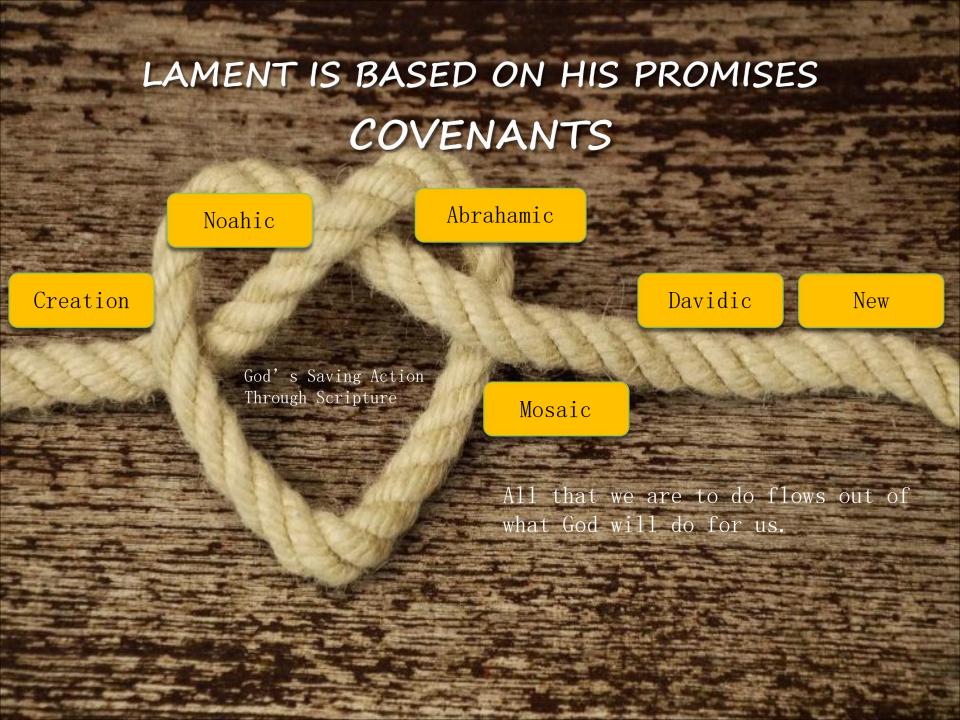
LAMENT IS A FORM OF PRAISE AN APPEAL TO GO BASED ON HIS CHARACTER

Isaiah 38:14 (ESV) Like a swallow or a crane I chirp; I moan like a dove.

My eyes are weary with looking upward.

O Lord, I am oppressed; be my pledge of safety!













Our World view

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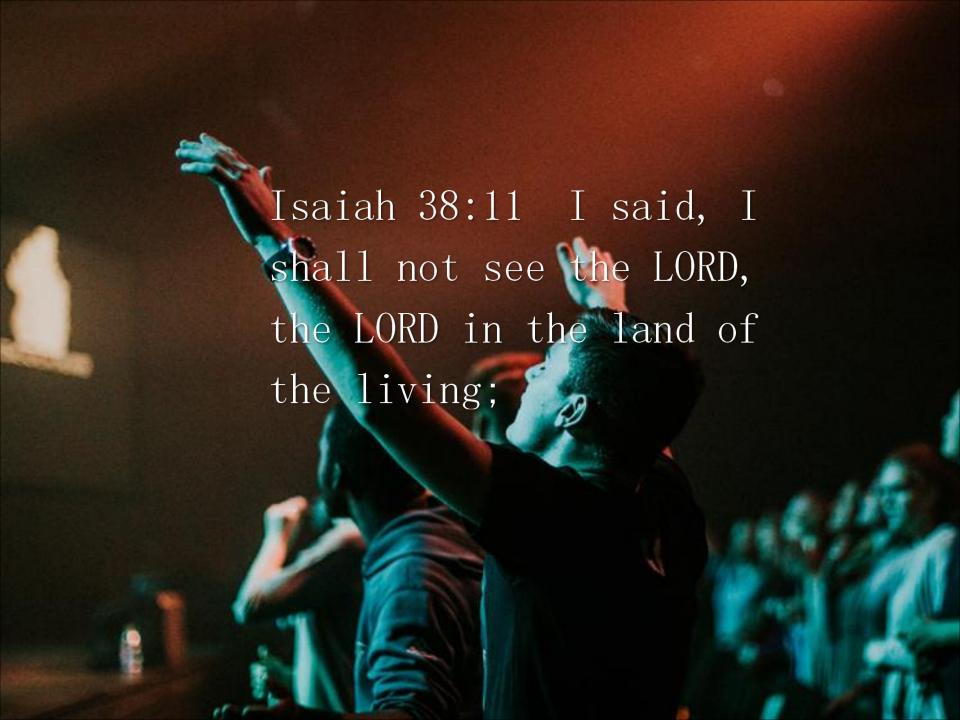


FRAMEWORK FOR OUR FEELINGS

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PAIN IS NOT AN INTELLECTUAL EXERCISE

Suppress it Express it ·Lament is the cry of your heart crying out to God .. Voice to our suffering







"I saw a cold, dark, black emptiness. It was unlike any blackness you can see or feel on Earth. It was deep, enveloping, all-encompassing. I turned back toward the light of home. I could see the curvature of Earth, the beige of the desert, the white of the clouds and the blue of the sky. It was life. Nurturing, sustaining, life. Mother Earth. Gaia. And I was leaving her,"





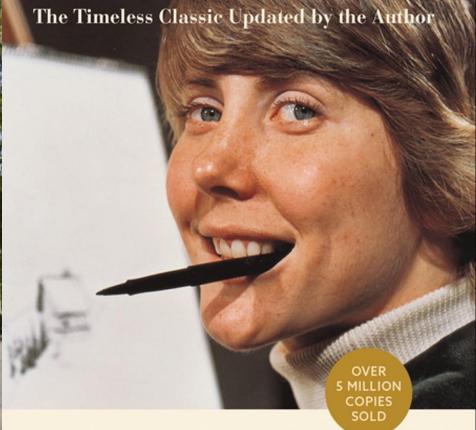




TRYING TO RECONCILE EVENT WITH WORLD VIEW

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FOREWORD BY BOB GOFF



The Miracle Lady

KATHRYN KUHLMAN

and the Transformation of Charismatic Christianity



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Foreword by Kate Bowler

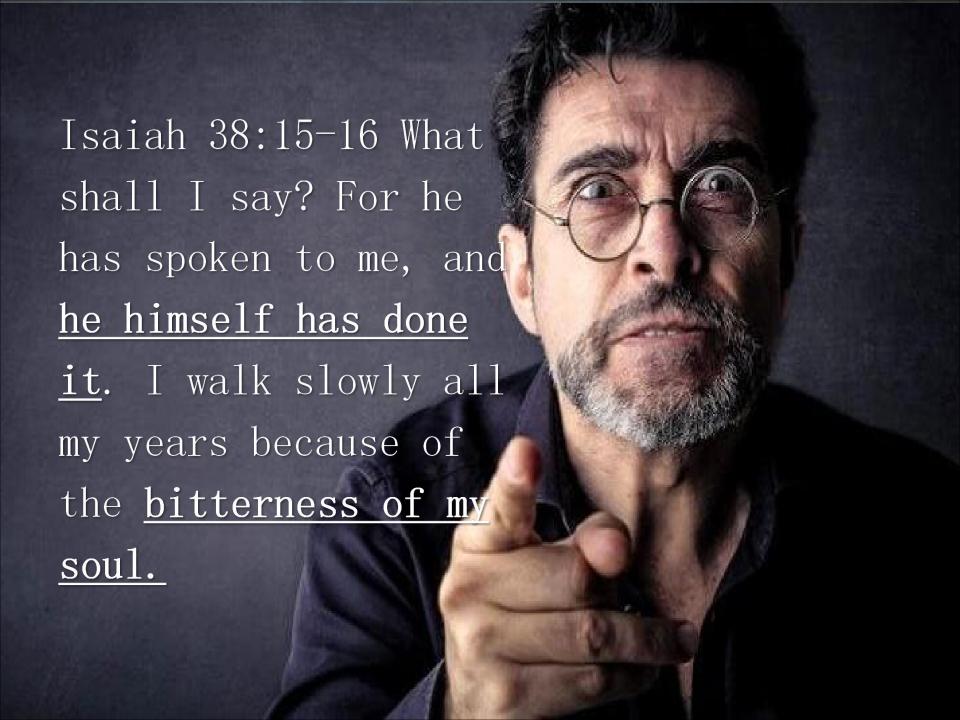
SICKNESS DOES NOT MAKE SENSE



Job 3:11-13 Why did I not die at birth, come out from the womb and expire?

12 Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?

13 For then I would have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept; then I would have been at rest



DIRECTEDOTOWARDS GOD



- He cut me off
- •You bring me to an end x2
- •He himself has done it

- •Be my pledge of safety
- •Oh restore me to health and make me



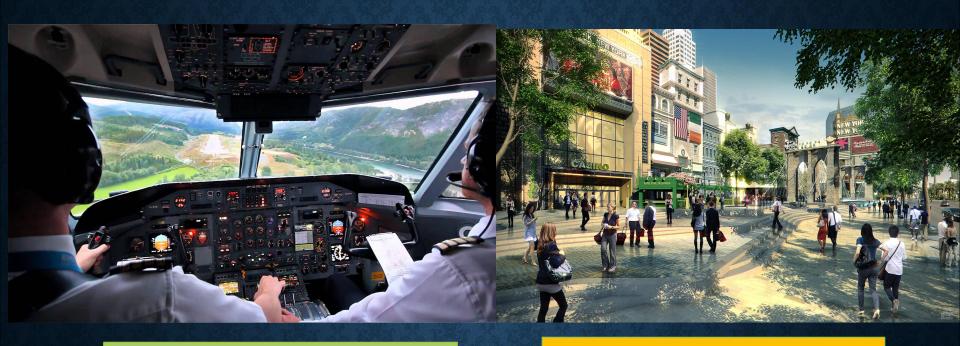




Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

LAMENT ALLOWS OUR SUFFERING TO BE RECONCEPTUALISED

Isaiah 38:17 Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of descruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.



God's Perpective

we see our current suffering against our backdrop.

Our Perspective

Painful events in our life are not diminished by minimizing their consequences in our lives or by denying their existence



2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

KÜBLER-ROSS GRIEF CYCLE

DENIAL

avoidance, confusion, elation, shock, fear

ANGER

frustration, irritation, anxiety

BARGAINING

struggling to find meaning, reaching out to others, telling one's story ACCEPTANCE

exploring options, new plan in place, moving on

DEPRESSION

overwhelmed, helplessness, hostility, flight

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION









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ARE YOU HAPPY?

I wouldn't change my life for anything.I'm really thankful He did something to get my attention and change me.



CONTRARY TO OUR BELIEFS ABOUT QUADRIPLEGIA

"And if God's glory shines brightest through our weakness—which it does then our inabilities become the best platform for God's highest glory. That makes for great quality of life."





D. HOPE IS RENEWED

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and in all these is the life of my spirit.

Oh restore me to health and make me live!



D. HOPE IS RENEWED

Isaiah 38:20 (ESV) The LORD will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the LORD.



PRAISE IS RE-ESTABLISHED

Isaiah 38:18-19 (ESV) For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you;

those who go down to the pit do not hop for your faithfulness.

19 The living, the living, <u>he thanks</u> you as I do this day the father makes known to the children your

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Isaiah 39:1 At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered.





WHY DID HE DO THAT?

Isaiah 39:2 (ESV) And Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. And he showed them his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his whole armory, all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.

2 Chronicles 32:24-26 In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, and he prayed to the LORD, and he answered him and gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. Therefore wrath came upon him and Judah and Jerusalem.

Isaiah 39:5-7 (ESV) Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: 6 Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD. 7 And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."



Isaiah 39:8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my days."

HEALING HAS A PURPOSE

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MOMENTARY RELIEF



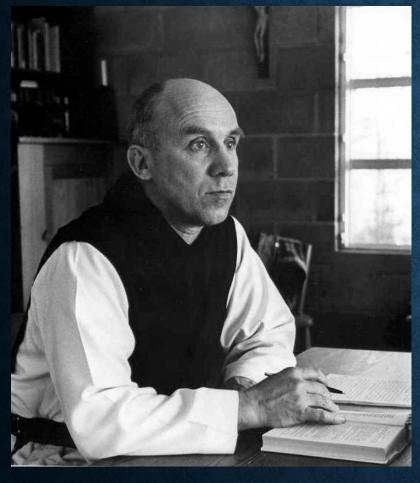
- •Let's get back
 to the thing
 that's really
 matter
- •The real lesson is to avoid the suffering
- •Diet ··· Screening
- Make use of time



WE PARTY!!

1 Corinthians 15:32-34 If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

Thomas Merton,



"The more you try to avoid suffering, the more you suffer, because smaller and more insignificant things begin to torture you, in proportion to your fear of being hurt. The one who does most to avoid suffering is, in the end, the one who suffers most."





LOVE MEANS ... DELAY?

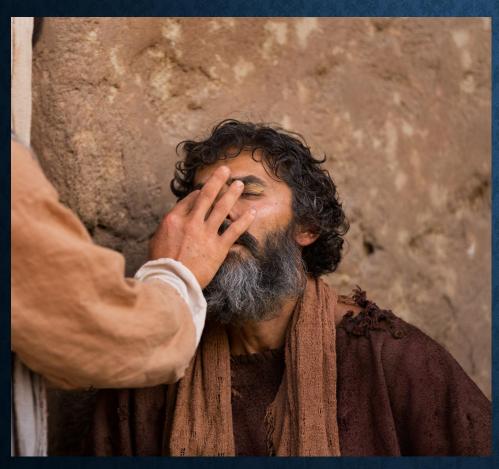
John 11:5-6 Now Jesus <u>loved</u> Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he <u>stayed two days longer</u> in the place where he was.



THE GOAL IS GLORY HIS GLORY OUR GOOD

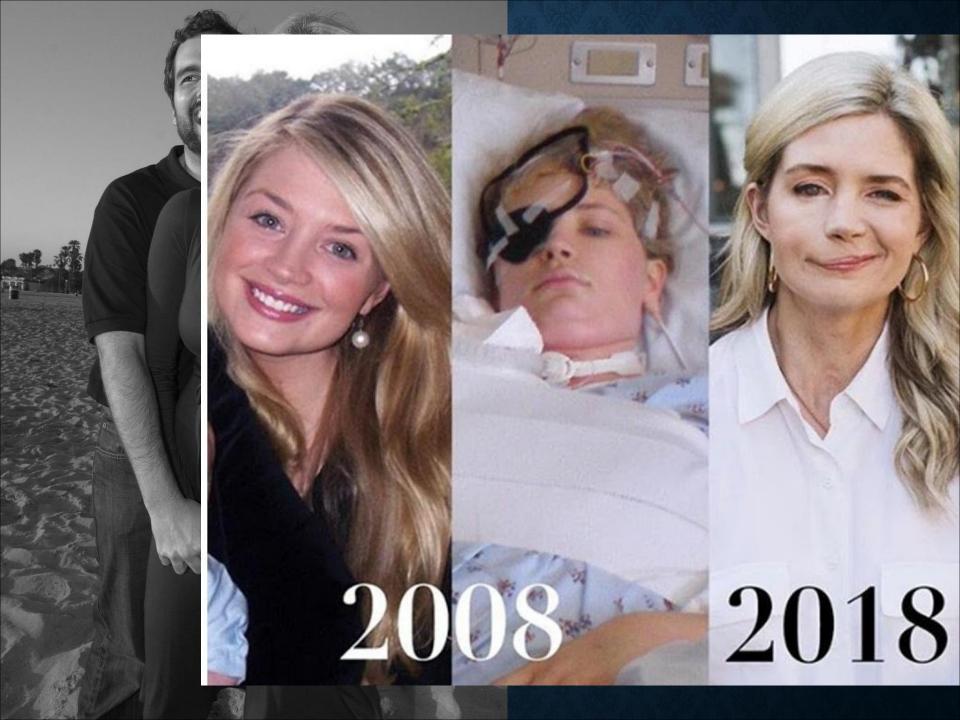
John 11:40 (ESV) Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

THE MAN BORN BLIND



John 9:3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.





Foreword by Louie and Shelley Giglio



hear normally either

I found myself wondering, has
God made a mistake? Should I
have died? I'm caught between

life and death.

I've had eleven surgeries and,

likely have to have many more

in the future. I still don't walk

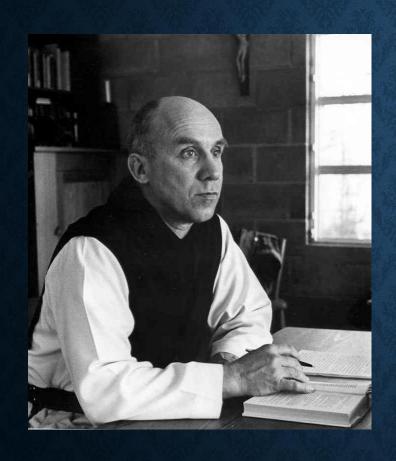
well or use my right hand well,

and I don't eat, speak, see, or

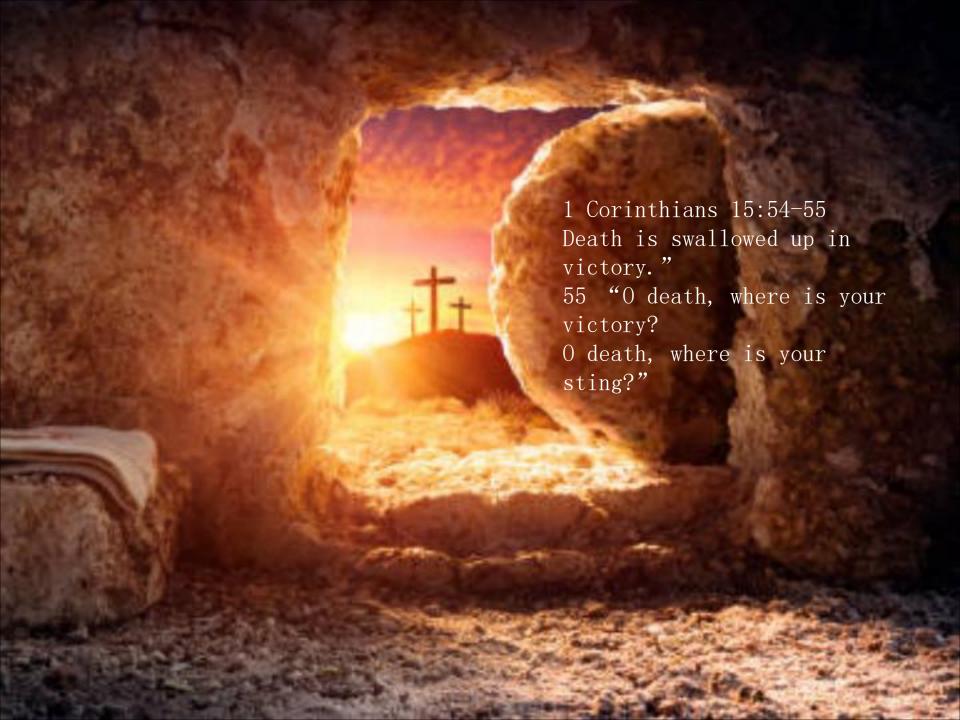
How to Survive Anything by Redefining Everything

KATHERINE & JAY WOLF





It is of the very essence of Christianity to face suffering and death not because they are good, not because they have meaning, but because the resurrection of lacue has unbhad





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