

seek spirit create give  
LIVE family guidance PEACE  
LIFE HOPE gratitude laugh  
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JOY kindness soul thank you om  
ASK believe healing purpose  
GROWTH receive divine  
TRUTH JOURNEY forgive  
CHANGE community faith NOW  
ETERNAL all that is abundance HARMONY

James 5: 13-20



## **JAMES 5**

- V 1-6 Perils of materialism
- V 7- 12 Patience in suffering
- V 13-20 Healing Physical and Spiritual



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forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray  
for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a  
righteous person has great power as it is working.**



James 1:2-3 (ESV) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

...v 6But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,

# PRAY CONSTANTLY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Suffering

Cheerful



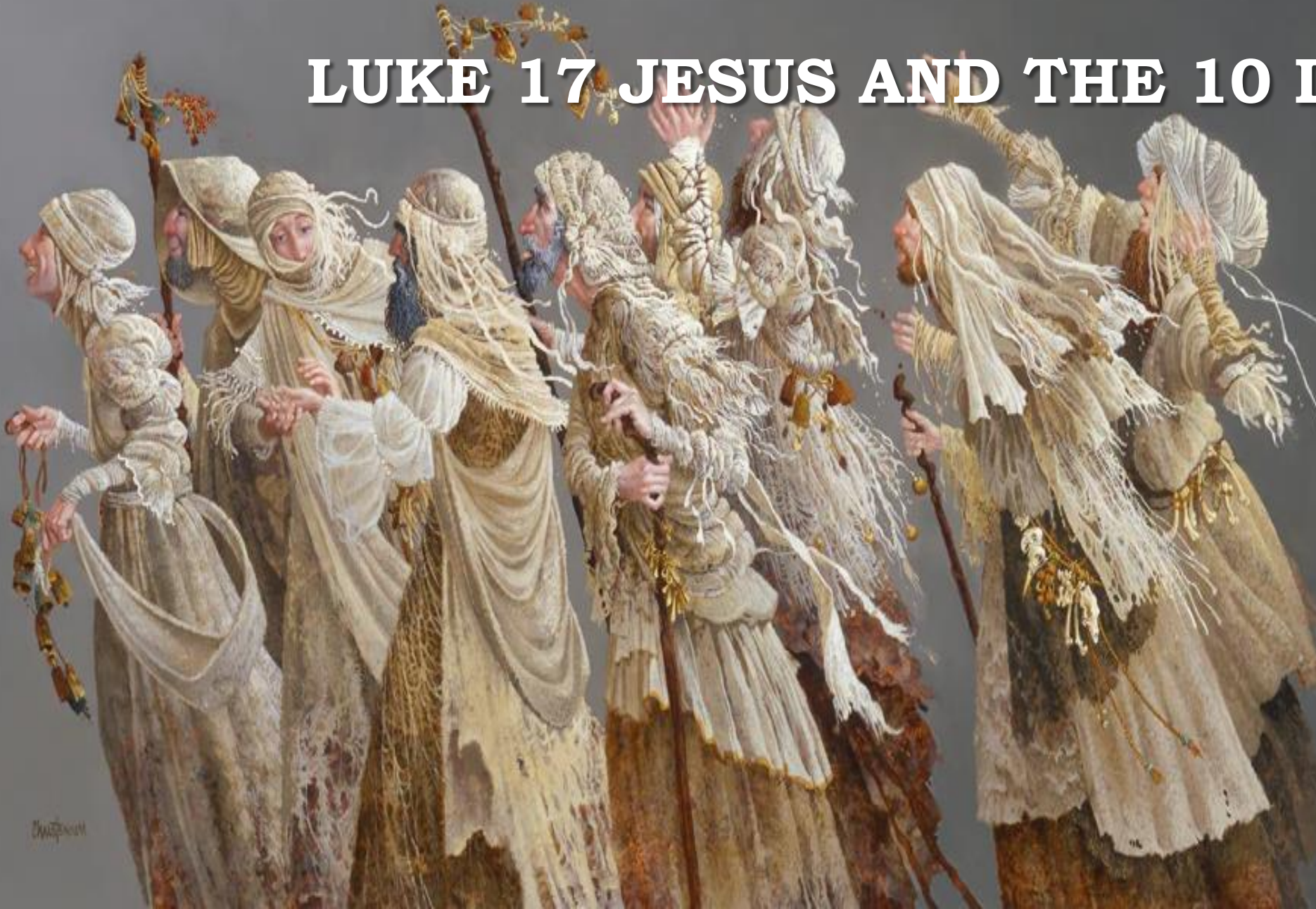
Emotional  
Mental  
Financial  
Family

Prayer is the solution not last option  
God delivers through trials

Praise  
Worship  
Grace

Prevents pride  
Perspective

# LUKE 17 JESUS AND THE 10 LEPERS





Glorifies God

See God in action..deepens faith

Peace and contentment

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.





Guards against envy

Defies Satan's lies

Joy

Psalms 126:1-3 (ESV) When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

3 The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.



- *Prayer not only reflects an attitude of genuine faith; it also reveals patient endurance as we turn to God to handle life's struggles, in His timing and according to His promises. As such, prayer becomes a quintessential mark of authentic faith.*
- *Charles Swindoll*

# HEALING AND RESTORATION



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19 My brothers, if anyone among you **wanders from the truth** and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

# COMMAND FOR PRAYER

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A group of diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are sitting around a dark wooden table. Their hands are clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity, support, and solidarity. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands, creating a sense of intimacy and shared purpose. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the central action of the hands being joined.

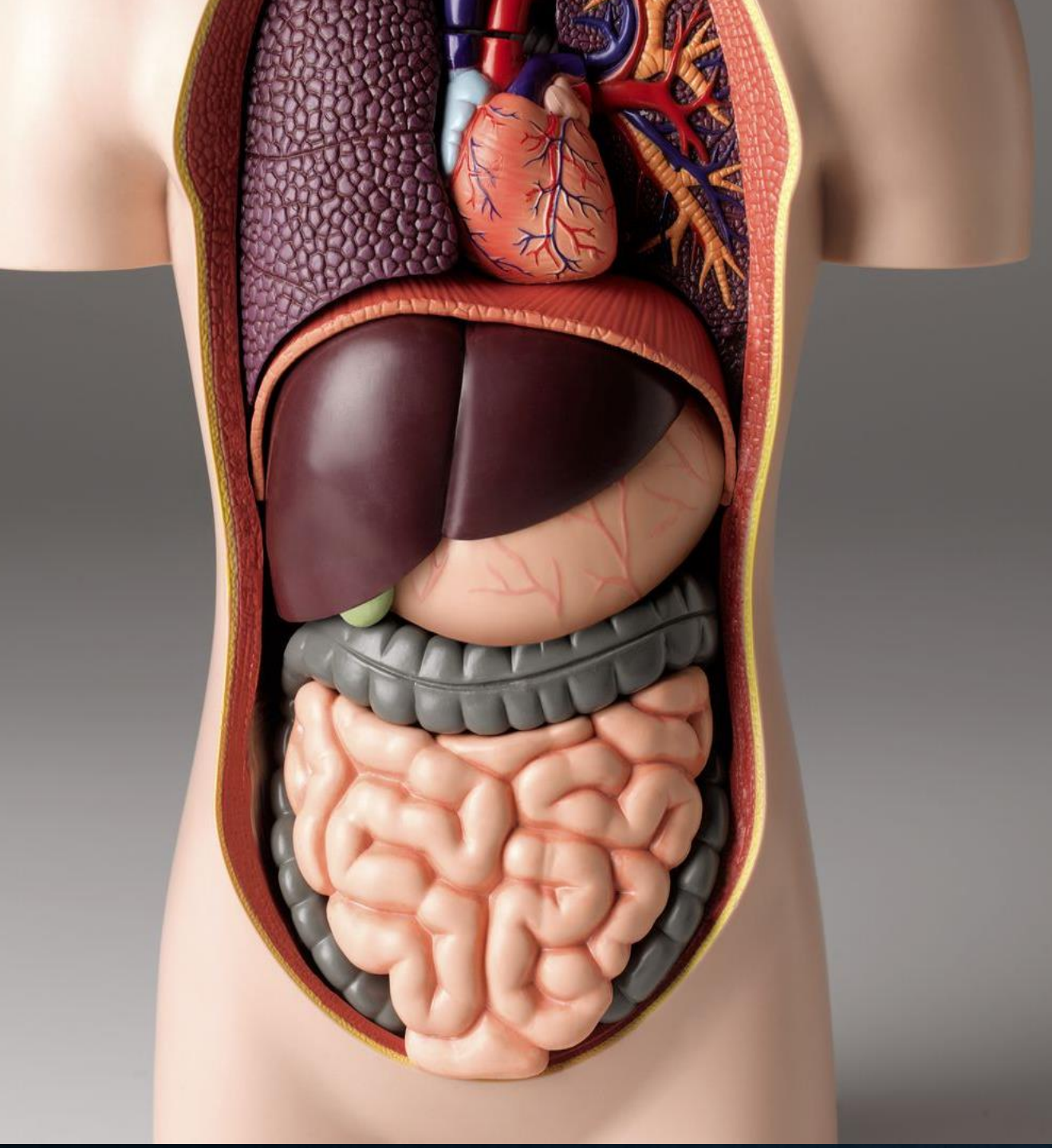
**ILLNESS IS NOT JUST A  
PERSONAL AND PRIVATE MATTER**



# ISSUES AROUND PRAYER FOR HEALING

- Special people to pray for healing
- Special words
- Enough faith in outcome
- Deserve to be healed
- Persistence of prayer
- Specific kinds of illnesses

# EFFECT OF PRAYER



Ichittaranjan Andrade, and Rajiv Radhakrishnan  
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**WOMAN WITH COVID-19 WAKES UP AFTER WEEKS ON A VENTILATOR ON THE DAY SHE WAS BEING TAKEN OFF LIFE SUPPORT. HER FAMILY HAD CHOSEN HER HEADSTONE**

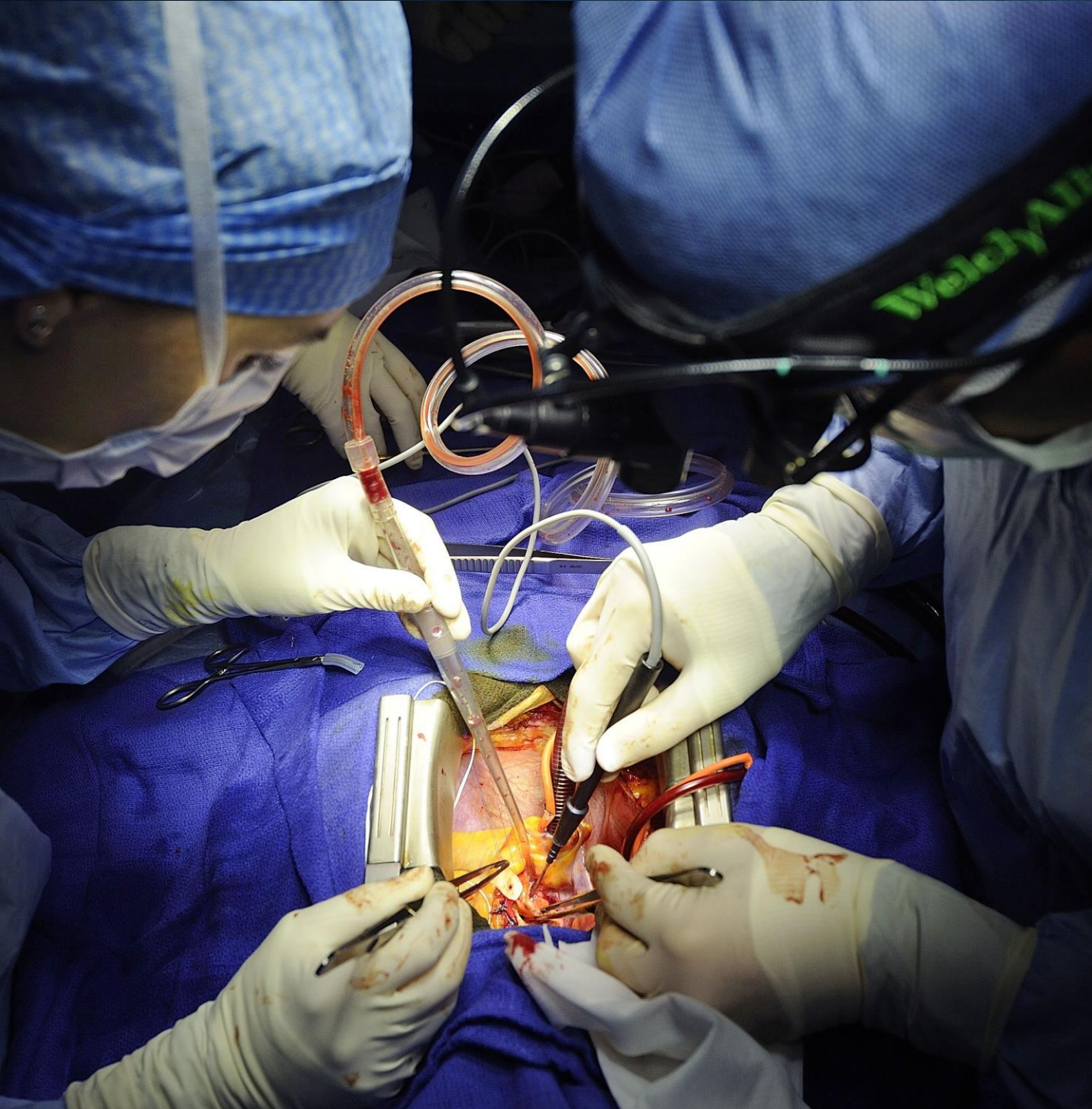
**BETTINA LERMAN  
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**



## PRAYER IN IVF

- 219 consecutive infertile Korean women, aged 26-46
- Triple blind prospective study
- Prayer groups in USA, Australia and Canada
- 50 vs. 26%;  $P < 0.005$

. Cha KY, Wirth DP, Lobo RA. Does prayer influence the success of in vitro fertilization-embryo transfer? Report of a masked, randomized trial. *J Reprod Med.* 2001;46:781-7.



## PRAYER AFTER BYPASS SURGERY

- 1800 patients 3 group –prayed for , no prayed for
- Complications occurred in 59% (352/601) of patients certain of receiving intercessory prayer compared with the 52% (315/604) of those uncertain of receiving intercessory prayer

**Herbert Benson Jeffery A Dusek and Jane B Sherwood et al American Heart Journal Volume 151, Issue 4, April 2006, Pages 934-942**



Lesniak KT. The effect of intercessory prayer on wound healing in nonhuman primates. *Altern Ther Health Med.* 2006;12:42-8

*The aim of science is not to open a door to  
infinite wisdom but to set a limit to infinite error*

Galileo

Skrabanek P. Demarcation of the absurd. *Lancet*. 1986;1:960-1.



- 2 Samuel 12:15-18 (ESV) And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. 16 David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. 17 And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. 18 On the seventh day the child died

# ISSUES IN THE PRAYER FOR HEALING

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2) Righteousness and faith in prayer

3) Medicine and Prayer



## ISSUE 1: SICKNESS AND SIN

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# APPROACH TO ILLNESS

**Over spiritualise**

*all tragedy and disease  
were direct  
consequences of sin*

**Under spiritualise**

*Denial of the link*

# **SICKNESS**

- Entry of sin into the world
- Sin of others
- Personal Specific sin
- Exposes idolatry and sin

# JOHN 5



# JOHN 9







Ecclesiastes 11:5 (ESV) As you do not know the way  
the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman  
with child, so you do not know the work of God who  
makes everything.

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## ISSUE 2: RIGHTEOUSNESS AND FAITH IN PRAYER

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Command

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Reason

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain or **Example** 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.



**HE IS NOT ASKING US TO SEEK FOR ELIJAH**



# HE IS NOT ASKING US TO LOOK FOR ELIJAH

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Rightly related to God



## LEGAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)  
For our sake he made him  
to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might  
become the righteousness  
of God.



# ETHICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PRAYER

James 4:2-4 (ESV) You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?



## ETHICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalms 66:18-19 (ESV) If I had cherished iniquity  
in my heart the Lord would not have listened.

19 But truly God has listened;

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.



16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and **pray for one another**, that you may be healed.

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Lystra

MACEDONIA

THRACE

PONTUS

Amphipolis  
Thessalonika  
Beroea  
Philippi  
Neapolis  
Apollonia

BITHYNIA

PAPHLAGONIA

ARMENIA

THESSALY

AEGEAN SEA

Troas  
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Ephesus  
Hierapolis

Antioch

Iconium

Lystra

Laodicaea  
Colossae

Trogyllium  
Miletus

Perga

Perbe

Tarsus

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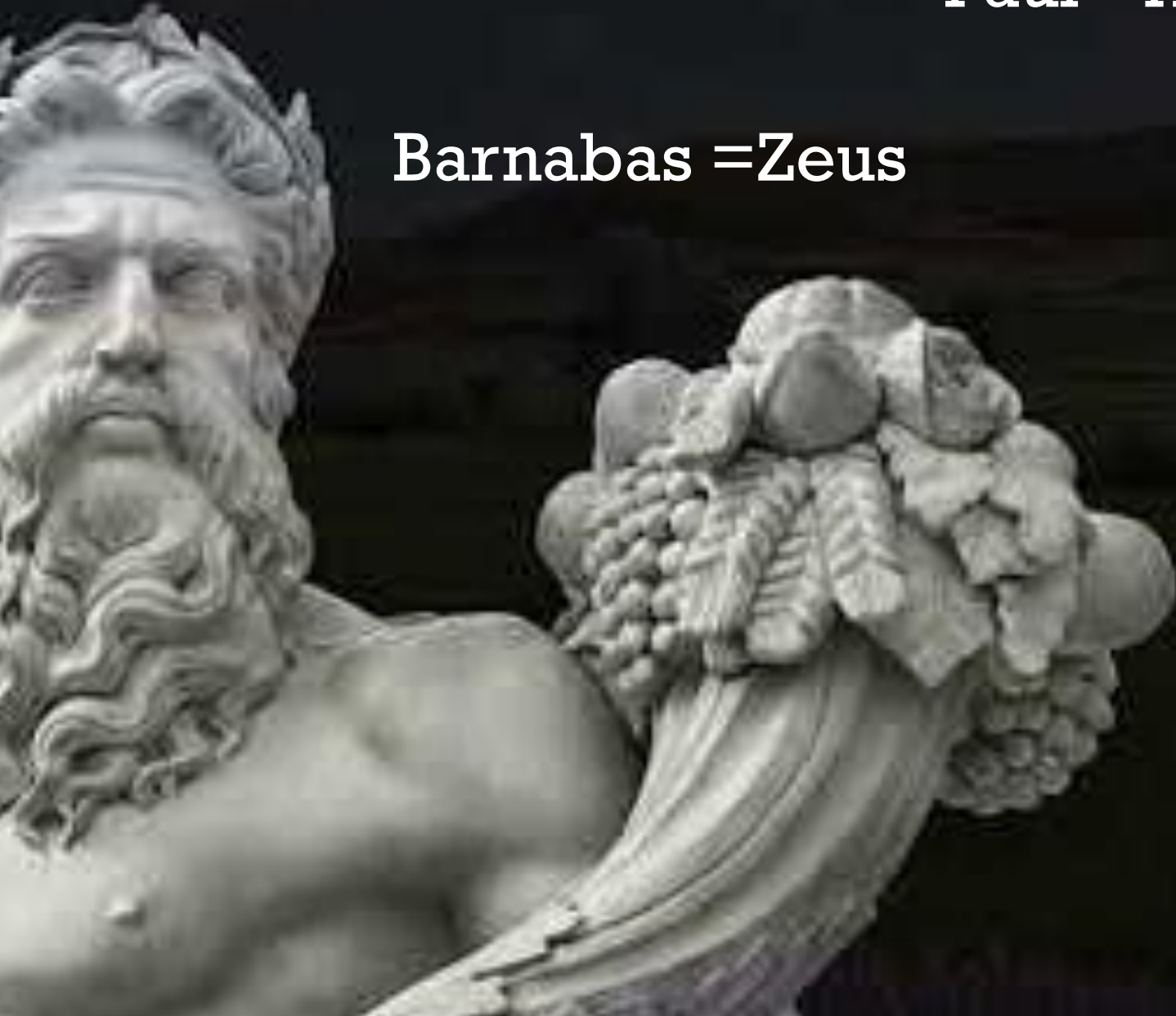
Tyre

Damascus

Nazareth

Paul =Hermes

Barnabas =Zeus





Acts 14:15 Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God,

homoipathes



## **DON'T BE CONFUSED**

James doesn't say for us to be like Elijah *for* our prayers to be answered, but that Elijah was like us *and* his prayers were answered — therefore, pray.

**Brave and Resolute  
confront Ahab**

**1 Kings 17:1; 18:17-19**

**He could rise to the  
heights of faith and  
commitment defeat priest  
of Baal**

**1 Kings 18:36-38**

**Selfless and concerned for  
others ..Widow of Zarepath**

**1 Kings 17:19-22**



**Cowardly when  
threatened by  
Jezebel**

**1 Kings 19:3**

**Burnt out  
Depression**

**1 Kings 19:4**

**Self pity**

**1 Kings 19:10**



## GOD DECIDES NOT ELIJAH



1 Kings 18:1 (ESV) After  
1 Kings 17:1 (ESV) Now  
many days the word of  
Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe  
the LORD came to  
in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As  
Elijah, in the third year,  
the LORD, the God of Israel,  
saying, “Go, show  
lives, before whom I stand,  
yourself to Ahab, and I  
there shall be neither dew  
will send rain upon the  
nor rain these years, except  
earth.”  
by my word.

1 Kings 19:4b And he asked that he might die, saying,  
“It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am  
no better than my fathers.”



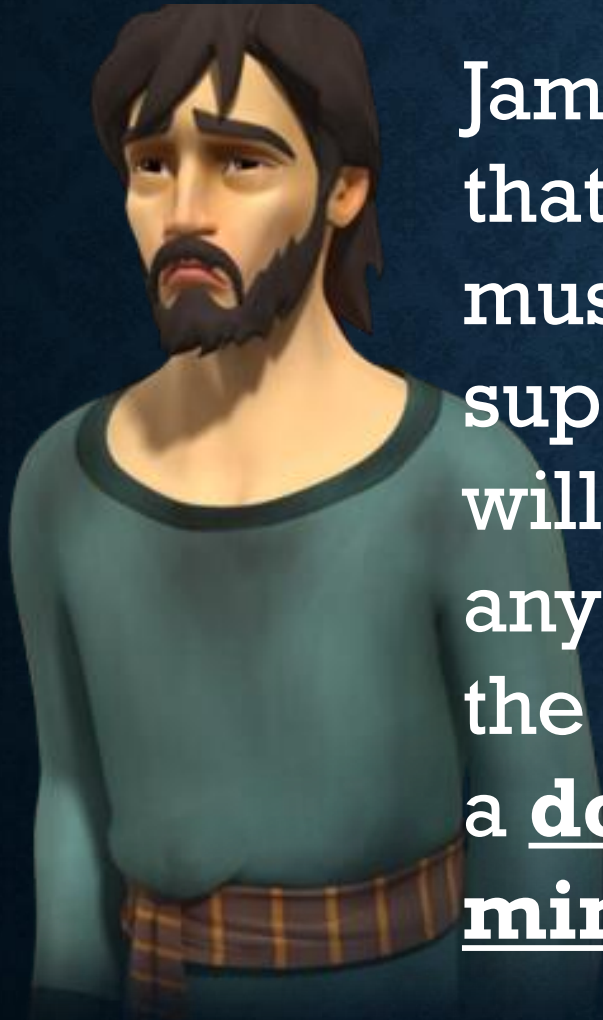
Self Esteem built on his family background and pedigree

# JONAH

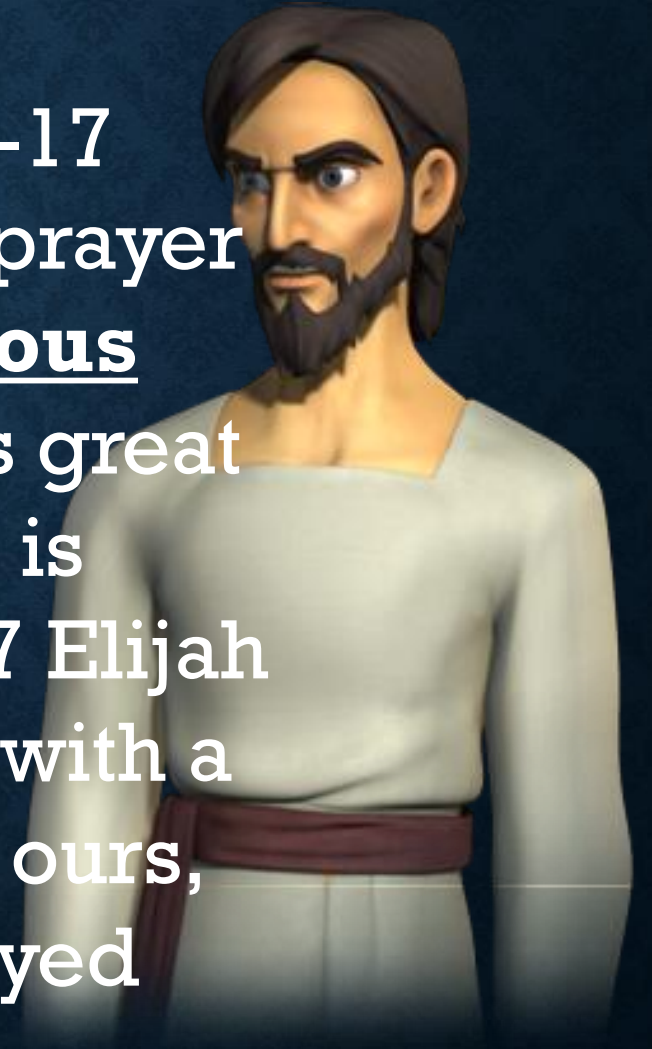


Jonah 4:2-3 (ESV) That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

# FAITH



James 1:7-8 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man,



James 5:16-17 (ESV) The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed



James 4:7-10 (ESV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you **double-minded** 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.



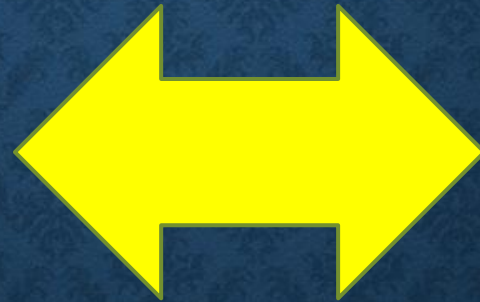
# THE CONTRAST

Draw near to God

Purify your heart

Wretched and  
mourn and weep

Humble yourself



Ask to please own  
passions

Motive is  
worldliness

Divided intentions

**SINGLE MINDED  
IN OUR DESIRE  
TO TRUST AND  
PLEASE GOD**



# SINGLE MINDEDNESS IS A STRUGGLE



Psalms 73:2-3 (ESV) But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.

3 For I was envious of the arrogant  
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.



## PRAYING HIS FRUSTRATION

Psalms 73:13-14 (ESV) All in vain have I kept my  
heart clean

and washed my hands in innocence.

14 For all the day long I have been stricken and  
rebuked every morning.

# HONEST BITTERNESS WITH GOD



Psalms 73:21-22 (ESV) When my soul was  
embittered,

when I was pricked in heart,

22 I was brutish and ignorant;

I was like a beast toward you.



## FINAL RESULT

Psalms 73:26 (ESV) My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

# THE FAITH JESUS LOOKED FOR..

belief in his ability  
as a wonder-  
worker

belief in his person  
and message.

# MODERN HEALERS





LOCUS OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS NOT US, BUT GOD



James 4:5-8 (ESV) Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.



Prayer is effective, not because of great men who pray,  
but because of *a great God who in Christ graciously  
hears his people.*



# The Miracle Lady

KATHRYN KUHLMAN  
*and the Transformation of  
Charismatic Christianity*



AMY COLLIER ARTMAN  
*Foreword by Kate Bowler*



## **JONI EARECKSON**

“What good is it if we only trust the Lord when we understand his ways? That only guarantees a life filled with doubts.”



## AFTER STRUGGLING WITH GOD

*“Oh, God, I can’t live this way! Please, if I’m not going to die, show me how to live!”*



Matthew 26:39 (ESV)  
And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, **if it be possible, let this cup pass from me;** nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

# ISSUES IN THE PRAYER FOR HEALING

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# ISSUE 3: THE PLACE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION IN HEALING



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# PROBLEMATIC TEACHINGS ON HEALING

- Use of medical intervention is a sign of the lack of faith
- Salvation and All healing is achieved by Jesus Atonement
- Jesus healed all that came to him is taken to show God is always willing to heal all now only hindered by unbelief
- Lack of health is sign of lack of faith
- “If it be you will” prayers are viewed as unbelief
- Our symptoms are temptations to unbelief hence must be denied

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# HISTORICAL USE OF OLIVE OIL



1. Religious or ceremonial act as a symbol for consecration

2. Medicinal use

# USE OF OIL IN HEALING



## OLIVE OIL

The medicinal use of oil provided physical comfort and promoted the healing process.



Luke 10:34 He  
went to him and  
**bound up his**  
**wounds, pouring**  
**on oil and wine.**

Then he set him on  
his own animal and  
brought him to an  
inn and took care  
of him.

# USE OF WINE AS MEDICINE



## WINE

1 Timothy 5:23 (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.)

# OLIVE OIL AND CANCER



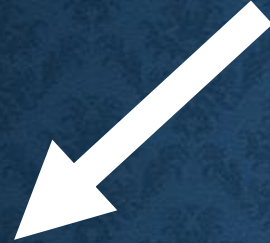
- 45 studies involving 929,771 subjects
- Highest intake of olive oil was associated with a 31% reduction of any cancer
- Particularly breast ,gastrointestinal ,upper aerodigestive and urinary tract cancer

Olive oil intake and cancer risk: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Christos Markellos<sup>1‡</sup>, Maria-Eleni Ourailidou<sup>1‡</sup>, Maria Gavriatopoulou<sup>1</sup>, Panagiotis Halvatsiotis<sup>2</sup>, Theodoros N. Sergentanis<sup>1‡</sup>, Theodora Psaltopoulou<sup>1‡</sup>\*

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# THE TRANSLATION--ANNOINT



Χρίω

Chrīoo

Ceremonial  
anointing

ἀλείφω

Aleiphoo

Oiling

Common use

# CHRIOO CEREMONIAL USAGE





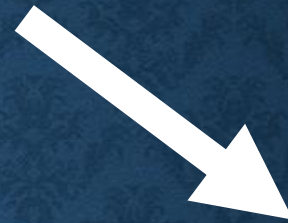
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**Jesus Christ**



**Chrrioo**  
**The anointed**  
**one**

# THE TRANSLATION--ANNOINT



James uses  
this word

Χρίω

Chrīoo

Ceremonial  
anoointing

ἀλείφω

Aleiphoo

Oiling

Common use

# **ALEIPHOO COMMON USE OF OIL**



# ALEIPHOO

## COMMON USE OF OIL

We don't anoint our sewing machine



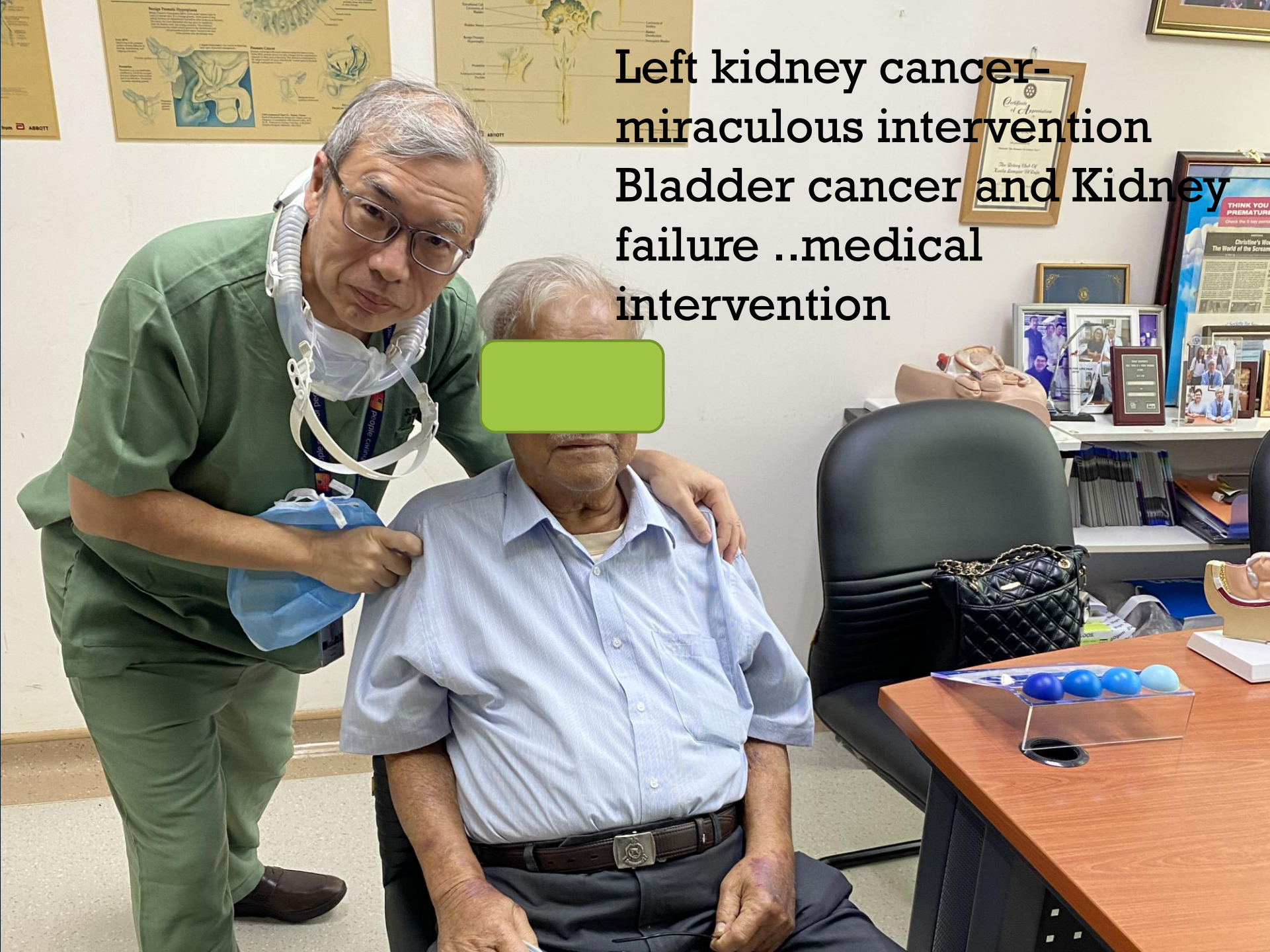
# SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL







**Left kidney cancer-  
miraculous intervention  
Bladder cancer and Kidney  
failure ..medical  
intervention**







**ALL HEALING BY THE  
POWER OF HIS GRACE**

# THE GOAL IS GLORY HIS GLORY OUR GOOD



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



## HEALING HAS A PURPOSE

2 Chronicles 32:25 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.

# JACOB-BROKEN BUT BLESSED



Totally dependant..repentant

Totally Transformed  
Israel -God fights, strives



**FALSE DICHOTOMY**



## MINISTRY OF RESTORATION

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# WHEN WE PRAY FOR HEALING

- 1) Get the church to pray for you
- 2) Confess our sins
- 3) Let your motive be to love and honour Him and not to use Him
- 4) Get medical help



## THE REASON

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