



Beloved Community

How we care for those who are sick

*First
Coming
of Jesus*

*Second
Coming
of Jesus*

The Age to Come

(kingdom of light)

Fall—Promise

Last Days—Already/Not Yet

Eternity—Paradise

This Age

(kingdom of darkness)

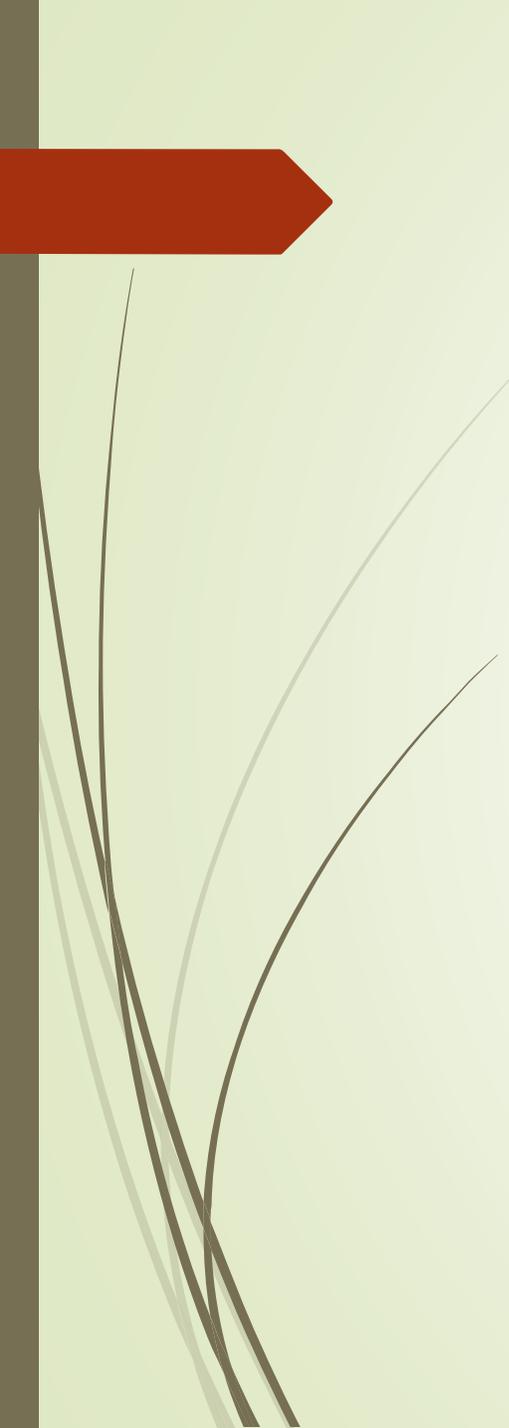
Overlapping Ages





Examples of people who are sick

- ▶ Timothy was often sick²³ No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments. 1 Tim 5.23
- ▶ It's true he almost died, but God showed him mercy and healed him. And I'm so thankful to God for his healing, as I was spared from having the sorrow of losing him on top of all my other troubles! Phil 2.27
- ▶ Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. 2 Tim 4.20

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- Abby: When I was ill, I never had a moment of questioning "why me?" or self-pity. This was such a miracle in itself since self-pity had once been a stronghold. And when I was in the hospital with very low wbc and rbc and a blood clot and cancer, and very little hair and in pain, I was really fine! I had such peace inside....I was so good! We have such a good God!
 - Cindy: I don't know why healing doesn't happen for everyone but As I told you the other day, it is about Hope. I hold on to that. Is it hard sometimes—yes, but it is all I have.



➤ So it is impossible for God to lie for we know that his promise and his vow will never change. And now we have run into his heart to hide ourselves in his faithfulness. This is where we find his strength and comfort, for he empowers us to seize what has already been established ahead of time—*an unshakeable hope!* ¹We have this *certain hope* like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself. Our anchor of hope is fastened *to the mercy seat*¹ which sits in the heavenly realm beyond the sacred threshold. Hebrews 6. 18-19

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15.13.

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- All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having **welcomed (saluted)** them from a distance and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. Hebrews 11.13

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- Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the *pioneer* (author) and perfecter (finisher) of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12.1-2

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- Cindy: I think you should be happy for them. I am sure the question comes up why not me, but how could you not be happy for someone who is healed. It is an encouragement for others to know that healing does and can happen.
 - Steve & Linda: Steve and I, “we rejoice with them. We trust that God has a plan and will direct us. He is always good. But we are human and would like to be healed.”

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- Kellie: One of the most damaging things a person can do is to tell someone that they don't have enough faith. I had that happen to me. I was so upset that it took me a long time to get healing prayer again.
 - I also met a woman to whom someone "prophecied" that the reason her husband died is they didn't have enough faith for his healing. The "prophecy" almost destroyed her. I explained that was not a word from God. It is important that people don't feel less then because of their physical struggles.
 - Cindy: When thinking about healing we have heard a lot of reasons From people why it (healing) may not have happened. Sin, God (I don't believe that!) unforgiveness. We have had someone tell us how easy healing is for this. Even had someone ask me if he was trying to walk. I think the hardest one was during a call forward he (husband Rick) was totally avoided. (Not by anyone at the Barn.)

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- Abby: Whether or not you are healed, or healed in the time period you want, is not the acid test of whether or not you are loved by God or hearing from God. Resurrection and unending life with God remains our great hope and joy and should be celebrated often so that when discouragement comes, our final and greatest hope is never far away. This goes along with, "we know nothing as we ought." We know so much but there is still much we do not know and when an illness or health condition does not respond to our best "efforts" **it is really important to surround folks in that place with the right attitude**

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- Kellie: I felt that having a community that gathered around me when I or my Mom was in the hospital was extremely helpful. To be able to reach out for help, to cry or to vent without judgement. That's wonderful.

And having people coming to see me, help me, care for & encourage me. So important. Just a text meant a lot. The cards that the team (Notes from the Heart) sent. Meant A LOT!

- Abby: Prayer Support rocks! Donna served as my liaison to send out reports to my prayer shield. It was soooooo helpful. I talked to her and she related my victories and ongoing concerns. Tremendously helpful and healthful.

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- Russ: It is good to meditate and study divine healing and stretch your faith to believe that God heals before you need to use it. It takes a while to change our thinking sometimes and if/when a healing crisis occurs, it is good to already have a foundation of faith for healing. Even if you decide to use medical treatment, it is not good to regard divine healing as a 'last resort' if the other stuff doesn't work because sometimes, you are just out of time.



Know What you Believe

- Russ: it's really important to find out what the person who is sick believes. What are they believing for? Are they bitter? Are they hopeful? Are they ashamed? Are they content? Locate the person's faith and agree with it. Assure the sick person that they are not letting the team down if a miracle doesn't happen.
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- Russ: Continue to preach God's will to heal and fully celebrate the healing victories. The people I know who are struggling with sickness do this. God does want to heal all though not necessarily in the same way. And at the same time recognize that it doesn't always the way we want (without it dampening our expectation!) and fully support those for whom no manifestation has occurred. This attitude is not possible with natural thinking and it requires some maturity, but I believe the Holy Spirit can work it in us.