

Chronic Illness

- Job 6:10 Then I would still have this consolation my joy in unrelenting pain that I had not denied the words of the Holy One. (NIV)
- **Psalm 119:49-50** Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.
- ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

Jesus is NEVER Too Busy For YOU

• Mark 5:21-24 - ²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ And he went with him.

Jesus – Sovereign Over All Creation

• Colossians 1:15-16 - ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

• Jeremiah 32:17 - ¹⁷ 'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

You Are Important to Jesus

• Isaiah 59:1 - Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

The Suffering of Chronic Illness

• Mark 5:25-26 - ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.

Our Christian Responsibility

• Matthew 25:34-40 - ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Never Give Up

• Mark 5:27-29 - ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

HOPE for Chronic Illness

Hold on to Jesus/Cling to the Old Rugged Cross
Obedience – Obey His Commandments – Discipline
Patience – Steadfast Love of the Lord – Never Give Up
Expect – Believe Jesus WILL comfort and heal

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- 2 Corinthians 4:16- 18 ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ 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.
- Romans 8:24-25 ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Crowd

• Mark 5:30-32 - ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, "Who touched me?" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it.

Jesus Has Time For You

• Mark 5:33-34 - ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Comfort in Our Affliction

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
- Psalm 34:18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.