

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

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<sup>16</sup>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 5:13-16 ESV

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### Three crucial closing concerns:

- Those who suffer.
- Those who are sick.
- Those who stray.

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### Five Foundational Statements

1. The Fall is our point of reference for suffering, pain and sickness in the human experience.

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Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

—Romans 5:12 ESV

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### Five Foundational Statements

2. The painful and perplexing reality is that through the Fall, suffering touches every life in two ways.

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Suffering Touches Every Life in Two Ways...  
 1. Original Sin (Adam, Nature, Root Problem)—Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23

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“Sin in the world brings suffering in life.”

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Suffering Touches Every Life in Two Ways...  
 2. Personal Sin (Practice, Fruit Problem)—Romans 3:23

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<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.  
 —Galatians 6:7-9 ESV

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That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.  
 —1 Corinthians 11:30 ESV

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“My sin is the cause of much injury in my life.”

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### Five Foundational Statements

3. Sickness and suffering are not always the result of personal sin.

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<sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”  
—John 9:2-3 ESV

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<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

<sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. —Romans 8:18-21 ESV

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### Five Foundational Statements

4. Jesus came to reverse the curse.

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For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one Man Jesus Christ.

—Romans 5:17 ESV

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<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.  
—I Corinthians 15:21-22 ESV

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He will wipe away every tear  
from their eyes, and death shall  
be no more, neither shall there  
be mourning, nor crying, nor  
pain anymore, for the former  
things have passed away.

—Revelation 21:4 ESV

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#### Five Foundational Statements

5. God can and does heal, but it is not  
always God's will or way to heal physically.

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#### Concentrate on One Final Instruction

Pray For Those Who Suffer

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... casting all your anxieties on  
Him, because He cares for you.

—1 Peter 5:7 ESV

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“We can ignore even pleasure,  
but pain insists upon being  
attended to. God whispers to  
us in our pleasures, speaks in  
our conscience, but shouts in  
our pains: it is His megaphone  
to rouse a deaf world.”

—C.S. Lewis

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#### Concentrate on One Final Instruction

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

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“Prayer is a petitioning of God based on who He is and what He has promised to do, not an action based on our demands or dictates to God.”

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“Anointing is a participle that indicates concurrent, but subordinate action. The oil is the symbol of God’s presence, but the prayer is the mechanism for tapping into God’s power and grace.”

—Bloomberg and Kamell

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“Faith rests on God’s Word, not human action or emotion.”  
(Romans 10:17)

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Pray For Those Who Stray

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“How does God preserve our salvation to the end? The answer James gives to the church is, ‘Through you.’ Eternal security is accomplished through community. The church is the God-ordained means God uses to keep us faithful. God is sovereign and does the preserving, but He does it through the church looking out for, caring for, and loving one another to keep one another from sin.” —David Platt

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“It’s not imitation that makes us sons; it’s *sonship* that makes us *imitators*.”  
—Martin Luther

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