1. Faith Does Not Exempt Us from Suffering

As followers of Christ, it’s easy to think that being faithful should shield us from serious illness or hardship. When sickness strikes—especially a chronic or terminal one—we may ask, *“Why is this happening to me? I serve God. I try to live a righteous life.”* But Scripture shows us that even God’s most faithful servants experienced suffering.

> *John 16:33 (NIV)*
> “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Jesus Himself told us to expect trials. Suffering is not a sign that God has abandoned you—it is often a place where He reveals His power and presence more deeply.

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2. Job: Righteous, Yet Tested

Job was called “blameless and upright” (Job 1:1), a man who feared God and shunned evil. Yet God allowed him to face

immense suffering—including physical affliction—not because he lacked faith, but to reveal His sovereignty and bring Job to a deeper understanding of who God is.

> *Job 42:10 (NIV)*
> “After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.”

God’s timing in healing and restoration is perfect. Even when answers don’t come quickly, He is still working behind the scenes.

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3. Moses: Close to God, Yet Struck by Illness

Moses was unlike any other prophet; God spoke to him “face to face” (Deuteronomy 34:10). Yet even Moses was struck with leprosy—albeit temporarily—as a sign from God.

> *Exodus 4:6-7 (NIV)*
> “Then the Lord said, ‘Put your hand inside your cloak.’ So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out,

> the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow. ‘Now put it back into your cloak,’ he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.”

Why would God allow this?

- God alone has power over disease and healing.
- Even His chosen ones are not exempt from human weakness, yet they are never abandoned.

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4. God Heals—In His Way, In His Time

The Bible consistently reveals that God is our healer.

> *Psalm 103:2-3 (NIV)*
> “Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.”

But healing can come in different ways:

- Physically, like with Job and Moses.

- Spiritually, bringing peace and deeper faith.
- Eternally, when suffering ends in the presence of God.

We must not reduce healing to immediate relief; sometimes the process serves a divine purpose.

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5. God Is Near the Brokenhearted

Suffering draws us closer to God when we let it.

> *Psalm 34:18-19 (NIV)*
> “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all.”

These verses are a reminder that God is not distant in our pain. He walks with us through it.

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6. Spiritual Warfare and the Battle of the Mind

One of Satan’s main strategies is to attack the mind—planting fear, doubt, and despair. That’s why immersing ourselves in Scripture is critical.

> *Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)*
> “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Prayer is powerful, but without a solid foundation in the Word, we lack the weaponry to resist the enemy’s lies.

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7. Christ Invites You to New Life

If you have never accepted Christ, the invitation is open. He wants to walk with you through every trial, heal your soul, and make you a new creation.

> *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)*
> “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

Salvation isn’t just about escaping sin—it’s about entering a life of divine purpose, healing, and hope.

Conclusion: Don’t Give Up

Illness, pain, and trials may come—but they are never the end of your story. Keep trusting God. Keep reading His Word. Keep believing that He is working all things for your good (Romans 8:28). And when your thoughts turn to fear or doubt, take them captive (2 Corinthians 10:5) and fix your eyes on Christ.

> *Romans 12:12 (NIV)*
> “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

May the Lord strengthen, heal, and bless you.

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