

Hope - When God Doesn't Heal

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The sermon explores the topic of hope when God doesn't heal, and emphasizes the importance of spiritual wholeness, compassion, and the application of God's word for healing to occur.

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Scripture: Isaiah 26:3, Mark 5:25-34, Ephesians 6:12, James 5:16

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Description

This sermon delves into the topic of why God doesn't always heal, exploring the complexities of healing and the various hindrances that may prevent it. It discusses the consequences of sin, the condition of the body, and the spiritual combat involved in seeking healing. The speaker emphasizes the importance of seeking God's wisdom, repentance, and spiritual warfare in times of suffering and illness.

Transcript

Matthew 20 verse 29 and we're in a series on hope obviously by this behind me and that is actually ending tonight we've been doing a four-part series number four tonight and I'm going to talk it to you tonight about an interesting topic on when God doesn't heal when God doesn't heal many times maybe it's just me but when I read the New Testament I get a little jealous Jesus went and everywhere he went he healed them the apostle Paul just an handkerchief would fall or a shadow and they would be healed they did miraculous signs and my back for example what was a week you know of of what is going on Lord and heal me in this area and and and which which that with that brought many different things and you know we've all prayed for things and and and and God didn't heal I remember at AV

hospital I was in the emergency room a month and a half now and just praying for a man who was in coma Lord heal this man you could I felt great leaving and then we we did his funeral here a week and a half later in another girl this time last year I it's in my Bible was a journal note think she was dying of cancer at 14 very very sad very sad to go to their home and experience that and and feeling God and praying for prayer and healing and not being embarrassed about it but yet getting the word that she died two days later and and it's it's a very hard thing I don't know if it's if it's me because I see it but God doesn't always heal but he also does and I've seen him do amazing things and it's hard to be caught in that in that friction of he can but Lord will you and and and why doesn't

he do it for others and why doesn't he do it for these people and why can't we just tell the people in the wheelchair Lord heal them and like you did God and and have them in and it's a hard point to to to discuss

and I'll just tell you up front I don't have the answer I don't know why he does sometimes and why he doesn't others other than according to his sovereign will and and things that we're not aware of and I've listened to Jerry Johnny Eric's Tata I don't know pronounce her last name I always get caught up on that many times where even though it's difficult she thinks how I mean how many millions has she reached or if you've seen the the guy I don't even know his no arms and legs well talk about a powerful speaker and the joy of the Lord is in it so you you wonder you know how how

how God just works through all of that so I would want to I do want to encourage you I went through tremendous tremendous back pain and and that turned into anxiety um and and just just Lord what is going on in my body here um and you just it's debilitating and and crying out to God heal me and and it was a process I'm glad I'm standing up here today but and and that didn't spark the sermon we just happened to find ourselves in Matthew 20 but I do pray for a lot of people we go to hospital homes and many of you involved in the hospital homes if you're not I would encourage you to do so and I pray like Paul for some of those people to just be healed I mean let Lord what is going on and so it's not always linked to faith because there's some groups out there you just don't have enough faith

brother oh no trust me I've prayed until my faith has been worn out it's not always just faith we just don't know the sovereign plans of God and I've actually found there's a lot of comfort in that because if it was all up to my faith like Lord what's wrong with me and what there must be versus Lord I don't know why I'm going through this now one of the good things was I spent about three or four hours every morning in the word and prayer and in psalms oh thank God for the psalms and just he redirected a lot of my heart actually made me more compassionate again for people so I can see how he uses these things and that's the topic tonight and it might go a few different directions but the message is when God doesn't heal based on Matthew 29 now as they went out of Jericho a great multitude

followed him and behold two blind men sitting by the road when they heard that Jesus was passing by cried out saying have mercy on us oh Lord son of David then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet but they cried out all the more saying have mercy on us oh Lord son of David so Jesus stood still called them and said what do you want me to do for you then he said to them Lord that our eyes may be opened so Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes and immediately their eyes received sight and they followed him and I also had more of the passage that I was going to read and go up but I just got stuck on this for a while and one page turned into two and two turned into three and three turned into four and I said I better stop there or you'll you'll leave before I'm done or

I'll have to do part two and and I usually prepare sermons based on what God puts on my heart and if it's stirring me it's gonna stir you and and being led by the spirit not having to get through a whole text and not being subject to a certain area but one thing that that I think is comforting is Jesus was God he was the son of God and we talked about that last week the hypostatic union of Christ fully God yet fully man a mystery we will not understand on this side of heaven and because of that he knew the perfect will of God so when he would heal they would be healed he knew the perfect will of God but then other spots he would talk about going into cities and he could not do many works there because of their unbelief so you start to see that belief definitely plays a role in faith

definitely plays a role in healing and I haven't found a scripture yet maybe you can point one out for me where where God Jesus healed somebody who didn't want to be healed or was upset at God had a terrible attitude rebellious and unrepentant well I mean I'm gonna still heal you anyway usually their faith came in alignment with Lord help me with I may see I Lord I need to be made will or the woman bent over

because Satan afflicted her woman thou art loose from your infirmities and she rose up another girl to leave that cool my arise little girl and arise from your your death you're you're they mocked him so just everywhere he went he just was healing and delivering because he knew the perfect will of God he had the power of God residing in him so do we but also our sinful flesh comes in

I mean if if we're honest we pray for people sometimes wouldn't this be so great and Shane healed this person aren't they so wonderful so we our flesh gets in there and that's why we have to just rely on God but a few things I pulled from this I want to share with you the first lesson is a lesson on spiritual wholeness you can be physically blind but spiritually whole these these blind men knew they said Jesus son of David son of David was a messianic term that the Jews used knowing that the Messiah was going to follow the line of David so they knew son of David have mercy on us so they were physically blind they were physically impaired but they knew who he was but on the flip side how many people are perfectly whole but don't know who he is so spiritual wholeness it's a lesson on

spiritual wholeness that we look at people oh look at them they're this they're that but if they know the savior they're better off than the people who are perfectly fit who don't know him and many of you know I worked in the gym industry for many years and that was probably one of the most prideful idolatrous play I mean there's mirrors everywhere and everybody's just measuring this and this and it's just and they're in perfect shape marathon are perfect shape but if they don't know Christ they're dead spiritually there's a wonderful lesson there that you could be hurting physically but if you know the savior you're better than most of those on the planet because you're in right relationship in in your spirit we also gleaned a lesson on compassion this this point right here struck me

very deeply this week because we're lacking in a lot of compassion especially when I wrote a read a commentary by John Nolan I would recommend his commentary on the gospel of Matthew he said the crowd is not focused on what the blind people are saying only on the disturbance that they create no doubt they think that they are honoring the significance of Jesus by trying to silence the voice of such insignificant people and I realize that we do that today we silence the voice of insignificant people and here's why they don't help us they don't promote us and they don't benefit us have you ever thought about that the people we stay in most contact with are usually the ones where there's a mutual benefit we stay in contact with those friends who might have some pull might have some money

might have some what can you do for me but insignificant people we they they can't they can't help me at all they can't give me anything they can't help me in any way they can't promote me they can't insignificant people and that's why we have to be careful in a church we can have the tendency to insignificant you know I need the I need the big givers I need influential people I know we need everybody that Jesus had compassion on those who couldn't do anything for him and if the truth be told he had compassion to all of us and nothing we're so insignificant in his eyes yet he had mercy and I just want to encourage you there's people out there there's people out there that you need to have mercy on they're insignificant they're I think of little kids how people just treat little kids like

like trash sometimes get away from me kid you know and just you're just just bothering little kid I want you know we we need the heart of Christ is to minister to the insignificant people so as a church we should be we should be focusing on those who are broken and hurting and don't have a family and one of the wonderful things about the hospital home you can't get into a harder ministry than that on going to people who can't do anything for you nothing and he had compassion but these people are silencing the voice can you imagine the crowd telling blind people to shut up Jesus son of David have mercy oh leave him

alone leave him alone he's too busy for you God forbid when we get in we're too that busy mode and we say we're too busy for insignificant people because we're not busy when it

comes to to people who can help propel us or help uh help share the same thing and they'll cover lunch they'll play for golf they'll whatever it is we we we tend to we tend to put insignificant people on the back burner quick test who are you going to call back first the insignificant person or the person who might have some information for you that benefits and that's a wonderful lesson right there and the sad truth is we we don't reach out to people who don't help us or promote us or benefit us we consider them a burden when somebody comes into your place of work oh jeez this isn't gonna I don't have time for this person but what about if your boss walks in what's the difference because this insignificant person is bothering me and I would just encourage you to change that heart to have

mercy on those that Christ had mercy on because that you'll be filled with the spirit God will not bless a person who's not merciful the when Jesus taught on the on the beatitudes he said those who are merciful those who are broke and humble in spirit God will reward them because they're showing mercy to those who can't show it back I think that's one reason Jesus said care for widows and orphans go visit those in prison because they can't do anything for us and it's it's an act of mercy I would encourage you to do that it's one thing to say that sounds great but it's another thing to put feet to it and actually do it also a lesson on healing this is interesting a a lesson on healing Jesus would often ask people and I really theologians are divided on the answer but he would often ask

people do you want to be made well I mean to me that makes that doesn't make well of course who doesn't but do do do some people really want to be made well we must want to change in this area of healing we must want to change right so Shane no kidding well think about this we have Bruce Jenner who's woman of the year he's the world's most famous example of transgender identity then we have Rachel Dolezal the white woman who identifies as black a prominent example being transracial then there's Jewel Shepping who blinded herself so her mind could be in harmony with her body now she's a poster woman for being trans abled let's not forget about Gary Matthews aka Boomer who believes he's a dog apparently has an example of being trans species you can see these videos on YouTube you just don't

you just cry hold on I'm not done yet and now there's Paul Wolscht who thinks he's actually a six-year-old girl stuck in the body of a 50-something man as reported by Ashley Goldberg at age 46 this man deserted his wife and seven children to live his true life he says I have an adopted mommy and daddy who are totally comfortable with me being a little girl and their children and their grandchildren are totally supportive we have a great time we color we do kids stuff it's called play therapy no medication no suicidal thoughts I just get to play in the YouTube video he's dressed like a little girl I just Lord I mean I forgive me but I don't know to laugh or cry I just Lord what but this is a culture void of God when you remove God you will see all Romans one how often have I quoted that

and I just might do that again today to remind us that this is what happens when you when it's almost like when you say okay God get out of my way I'm gonna be whoever I want well you're gonna want to be a snail you're gonna want to be a dog you're gonna want this guy Boomer he eats dog food and walks like a dog the girl who blinded herself is trans trans able so now she can better connect with her mind and that's just that's just sad because this is the hope we have it right here hope it's right what's what's right above the hope is the cross that's the hope so there's no shame in telling people that as a matter of fact like the statistics I gave you last week that 85 90 percent of the people Christians don't even tell people about

Jesus no wonder no we like to be closet Christians I

mean walk through the mall all day and not talk to anybody let me go to shopping not talk to anybody let me oh I know people work I'm definitely not going to mention Jesus they're at work because they're going to think I'm weird and we just we never offer hope I also received this email from an ER nurse I think it was a year or two ago she said Shane I'm an ER nurse and I care for many people you're right about how they love their sin and play the victim most of them don't want to change they do not believe in victory and I'm including believers they do not want to see themselves for who they really are their pride doesn't allow them to submit themselves to a holy God and the more I talk to people the more I counsel different things there's a lot of truth to this that not everybody wants

to change do you want to be met that's why Jesus said do you want to be made well and people yes of course but you have to want to be made well some people like that victim mentality they don't really want to break free of that what's what's what's holding them how do you know shame because they don't apply the words God to their life to get out of that many times you know somebody wants to stay trapped if they don't want to obey the word of God as much as much I have a heart for addicts as much as as is you want to help them many of them want to continue in that I don't like the consequence of shame but I like the high I don't really want to change but I do I in they're caught in this thing they're they're they're not prepared for change they don't want to humbly acknowledge that God

needs to change them so on that note healing must start once a person wants to change then healing must start with the application of God's word now if you've never heard that from here before I'd be shocked but there's nothing new under the sun a lot of times I work on a sermon it's like well that fits here again that fits here again because there's nothing new the the bible said the old testament says choose the old path the the old way it's the path on which you will never get lost so it starts with with the word of God let me read again Romans 1 I'm going to skip all the way down to 21 and it might help shed light on what's going on with these stories I just read although they knew God they did not glorify him as God nor were they thankful see the reason he's saying this is most

people know there's a God except there's an atheist they'll put up signs about Christmas and different things but most people look around and say creator you know and I've talked about this many times right the heart and the liver and the kidney and the function works together with the central nervous system and the skeletal system and the and the mind with the neurotransmitter seems to put all this into play and yeah that just happened right you know I mean come on it's it's it's it's ludicrous even if even there's a stronger word so that's why saying if people know he before this it says God's invisible attributes are clearly seen clearly seen I mean I was talking to a scientist the other day and in I didn't realize but if the oxygen and the nitrogen levels on the planet were just just

a skew just just a tiny bit by my life completely gone I mean you're talking just the just the ratio just a little so what keeps all that just perfect I mean come on let's think this through so this is invisible attributes are clearly seen that's why they said although they knew God there is a God out there they don't glorify him as God nor were they thankful but they became futile in their thoughts and their foolish hearts became dark and professing to be wise they became fools and they changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man therefore God gave them over to uncleanness in the lust of their hearts basically God said I'm giving you over to what you desire I'm I'm giving you over to those evil thoughts dishonoring their bodies among themselves who

here's the key who exchanged the truth of God for a lie so there's an exchange process here there's always an exchange process either you grab the truth or you grab the lie so they exchange the truth with a lie and then they worship and serve the creation the creature rather than the creator who is blessed forever amen so once you exchange the truth okay you say here's the truth I don't want the truth I'm exchanging it for a lie once I do that I begin to worship the creation not the creator and this is a great point to remind you you can highlight this you should you should have this come up in your calendar once a week to remember to help keep you on track a lie is always the first step in the wrong direction satan came to you did God really say listen a lie is believing a lie is always

enacting upon that lie is always the first step in the wrong direction sometimes I mean I could list 20 examples sometimes we hear the example you know you don't deserve this you'll hear that thought you're in a marriage a difficult marriage you don't deserve this oh yeah that's right I don't you can do better yeah that's right I can or the addict here's just start tomorrow yeah or I've had a hard day today I'm gonna have whatever you fill in the blank whatever our favorite you know yeah that's right I've been doing good for a week and I deserve it and the you believe that lie that's the first step in the wrong direction all the time anytime in your whatever you're struggling with what we somehow in some way we can believe we believe a lie that's always the first step or you exchange that

lie for the truth then now you'll better understand what Paul said take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ I'm putting my thoughts captive like in a jail cell is this thought a lie then you're going in jail or is it the truth then I'm going to act upon it so anytime anybody goes in the wrong direction the first step in the wrong direction began with a lie that they believed I mean you think of you think of dozens examples not just in marriage but in in getting uh getting in trouble in something even financially oh nobody will ever find out I mean I've worked so hard I can you know we believe and then we take the step it always begins with believing a lie and here's why the truth turns me in the right direction the truth of God's word change it puts me in back in the right

direction that's why if you do any form of counseling if you're going to do any formative advice start with the Word of God and I tell people listen are you ready to apply what the Word of God says now I know what that says I'm not this is beyond that Shane well you're not ready that's the that's not beyond that that is the answer so when you when you begin it would embrace the truth it will put you back in the right direction emotionally physically psychologically and spiritually but here's the big question I mentioned at the beginning what do you do when God doesn't heal us on this side of heaven and you might not need the sermon this week but you'll probably need it someday because all of us pray for heat I mean I remember when I had a root canal oh my God did I want healing man I'll

just take Vicodin for a month oh no no that's not gonna happen so I grin and bear it right it's tough guy a couple days you know finally wore off and the pain but it was like unbelievable how to be in your wonder like Lord what's wrong here I'm your man come I mean you know just help me here and and going through that and and that those are insignificant I mean there's people going through living it with panic attacks and anxiety and fear and depression and so I'm not minimizing all of that but I do want to remind you that there is an anchor you can hold on to you can be going through hell but still holding on to heaven you can be going through hell and still hold on to heaven and and still it's where the thoughts go that's why I left Philippians 4 thank God for it finally brethren

whatever things are true and honest and upright and just what pure things meditate on those things and change where that direction of the mind is going but I'm going to I'm going to do something I haven't done

before I don't think I've talked about it in different places but I'm going to talk about three things that may prevent healing three things that may prevent healing and these are just these are just true these are biblical and I think it'll really help number one consequences some pain depression suffering anxiety and so on you know the list is the result of our lifestyle choices this is where sometimes I upset people right you know you hear me before you run to Xanax run to Matthew Mark Luke and John you know I mean it's that's to do I mean they're consequences James 5 16 NIV

that'll upset some people too on that one therefore the nearly inspired version right James 5 16 therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed that tells me that there if there's some sin in my life God might use suffering and and a physical ailment to get me back on track because we don't listen until I mean my I don't know about you but my kids don't listen until you make them listen somehow right now they've got this what elf on the shelf to make kids you know good I had belt on the shelf you know it's it's that that that something gets your attention so we cannot ignore this and I hate when psychologists or Christian therapists whoever oh no no no no you can't always just blame sin I'm not always blaming sin but I'm saying it is one of the

reasons why a person can stay in a spot of of of not being healed look what he says here confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed I don't know what else to say to that that's pretty clear you don't need a degree in the Greek language to understand what that means the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective in other words what we sow we reap what we sow we reap God is merciful but often there are consequences so if there are consequences it's still good to say don't fight it say God have mercy on me just like these blind men did God have mercy on me that's why this this song good good father man that sometimes brings me to tears every time he is a good good father when you say Lord I've been a bad bad boy have mercy on me I shouldn't

have done this I should Lord have mercy on me I don't want these consequences I'm relying on you I'm relying on your perfect strength and your perfect will Lord begin to heal me show me what can I do how can I improve Lord show me what is creating this is there consequences to my to my sin or the wrong choices I've made I want to give you a great example if you didn't hear this you should if you ever do you ever listen to family life today with Dennis Rainey they had a pastor on there who I enjoy I've followed his ministry for about 15 years Tommy Nelson he wrote on the book of Solomon teaches on on the song of Solomon he teaches on the song of Solomon he's a very powerful speaker on the board at Dallas Theological Seminary well he had a nervous breakdown and they call it the dark the

dark night of the soul and he said I don't care how many scriptures I quoted it was my body was just just on fire and before he said why I already knew listening no sabbath day for 30 years preaching four or five times a weekend up early teaching young men's groups men's studies this conferences seminar he's just going and you can only go so far before your adrenal glands it's a what pumps in a chemical serotonin and and I-dopamine and all these chemicals cortisol which is not actually good when you need it but if you're always running on this your body's gonna say I'm done I'm just so he went into this this just total meltdown took off two months and the strong what's going on with you what's going on but the condition was because of no sabbath and he got to it later he said he didn't

rest ever he was just like my dad like I was raised to my day you just work so I have to force myself to take a sabbath because the body needs it so when you go against God's design there are consequences and he was for months and lord having tests a blood test are fine but everything's fine they don't know what's going on with it was very hard he met with somebody who said oh your serotonin is completely depleted

you need these I think it's some type of inhibitor or something that actually will go in and help your body recreate and serotonin is what allows us to experience pleasure I'm sorry I-dopamine dopamine experiences pleasure serotonin is more of the relaxing thing and people and even talking about these people say ah shan come on that psychology and that I want to say no that's

how God designed us I mean that's how he does you don't tell a diabetic oh stop your insulin shots I mean what's the difference however you don't run to that that's my I mean I need xanax I need vicodin I need volume I need reserve I need you know you run to God first and take inventory of your life and see what's going on there so he said there's no external reason why this was happening I just had to stand back and trust in the sovereignty of God God in the bare word of God to take me through this because your body doesn't care that you're quoting scripture you're hurting and and he said the hardest people to deal with were this time was those the evangelical Christians who don't believe in any type of of of of of getting the body back balanced and it's an interesting topic because you

know on one hand um you know we don't run to we don't want to rely on certain drugs we don't want to just go and give the doctor you know but on the other hand there's sometimes there's wisdom there and how the body operates and how it functions he got on this this little pill that read just at a serotonin level and about three weeks later he came into his wife and said I'm back I'm back oh I'm back it recharged his battery it redid because it's how God designed it God designed cortisol to be in a fight and flight okay here comes a lion here's my spear I'm going to get it okay that's good but not to be in that constant state all the time that's why I often come out against say caffeine all these monster drinks all these drinks because you're keeping your body in a constant state of fight

or flight it's hard to sleep it's hard to get up a mirrored ball and we're just constantly living like that there will be a price to pay it's you're robbing Peter to pay Paul that's how God designed it that so sometimes we have to look at our lifestyle and say is this a consequence of this yeah but Shane what about be anxious for nothing but everything in prayer is application yeah be anxious for nothing it's telling us don't worry about certain things but when your body chemistry is going haywire you know it's just and you have to be careful you have to be very careful I want to be delicate here too but sometimes the medical industry is more on prescribing something than looking at what's really going on funny story hope this guy doesn't hear it went to the doctor for my back right this

week did my blood pressure Shane you're 180 over 110 and he went and got these four beta before things this I'm gonna get you on some blood thinner I'm sitting there going hold on can that was a really small cuff can I try the bigger cuff bigger because oh they didn't use the bigger cuff no they didn't okay oh okay you're fine so that I just almost started ingesting all of that not wise that would have been very bad so that's something trusting in God and and and not always because that's all I want to do is prescribe something prescribe something I don't and and and from time to time I think God has given us certain things but it can't be what we run to we run to him ask for wisdom and let him direct us and I'm sure it's embarrassing you took everything away oh no your blood pressure's

fine yeah I figured that I'm not going to jump on this stuff without consulting you know and looking at different things so that's just one example another example example be from healing this is this is big withdraws and the usage of acceptable drugs now a drug is a substance anything that alters us psychologically there are there are what you know what withdraws are it's not just the heroin addict that house withdraws I'm actually working on a book is the past year and a half I don't know when I'll finish it it's on this topic of helping people addicted from everything from sugar to caffeine to oxy to heroin to alcohol

to marijuana to you name it there's there's a dictionary it's it's there is a way to get out of that but there's in studying this topic I came across something called

post-acute withdrawal syndrome so although somebody can get through the initial stages of coming off of something that the first week which I call hell I tell people pray for heaven but expect hell just try giving up coffee for two days you'll you'll see what hell on earth is I mean that we're we're we're we're in this culture of accepting all this stuff so anyway once you get through the initial stages right okay weeks glad that's over well in a couple weeks even up to a couple months although your physical symptoms are now subsided now the mental ones kick in well that's why it's called post-acute withdrawal syndrome and it happens months later and that's the number one cause of relapse for any type of user is because everything's going good and then bam panic attacks fear irritability

palpitations the heart's pounding what's going on and then they go back to the source that initially caused it instead of running to god so in those cases I would tell people not dying you'll get through it there's what's happening your brain chemistry is all messed up your neurotransmitters are trying to function now correctly that's why you're having the heart rhythms that's why you're going through anxiety attacks and panic attack that's why your body's trying to readjust because of the abuse that's been going on for many years so see what oh lord heal me heal me heal why isn't he because of the consequences so you see a lot of this fits together so we have there's consequences for actions for our sins here's another consequence not spending time in god's word so that healing

takes place the mind controls everything everything the mind controls it so if all we're focused on is isis Monsanto financial collapse the war on christmas the second amendment i saw all this in facebook within an hour you know what Monsanto is that people are saying they're destroying our soil they're spraying stuff in the air and they're killing everything and they're gonna there's no more seeds and they're destroying our food okay well my king still sits on the throne okay i mean use wisdom isis yeah it's coming uh second amendment guy i mean well that's what we're in the fear factor mode what and the mind i'm not going to belabor this point many times before but i want to show you how the consequences of not being in god's word i mean when you just i mean just turn to the psalms and

they're like god you are my refuge you are my strength you are my provider you'll bring mountains to wipe out entire mountains just bring them the nothing the enemies will bow to nations will have to bow to you you rise one king up you put another king down you control with just the word of your mouth the waves in the sea obey him that's power so if you stay in the word of god and you change your mental diet to focus on god then you're joyful and thankful that can change and that can bring healing i truly believe that so there's consequences one area why we're not healed the another the other area is condition the condition of the body why why why do i go to a four-year-old's funeral who died leukemia talk about sad funerals little kid i mean is this that we're in a sinful fallen world

and often there's not complete healing on this side of heaven and just that statement's going to make people mad because there are groups that think you should be healthy wealthy and wise no matter what you should what do you do with Paul i mean what do you do with with some of the strongest Christians i know that there are there's sometimes healing doesn't come and that's why i wanted to stress that point on mercy mercy folks we gotta we gotta start having mercy on people the person on insulin chides the person on Xanax the person on beta blockers chides the person on amoxicillin what i mean by that somebody's like oh you shouldn't take amoxicillin for your strep throat let god heal you well why are you taking beta blockers and coumadin to lower your blood pressure and get your blood

thin well that's different that's different no it's a result of a bad diet in and out every day why don't we oh there's oh oh i might have struck a crowd i might have struck a chord with this crowd but think about how we do that the person addicted to seven diet pepsis a day mocks a person who can't stop stop oxy we just mercy mercy and then i i love christian leaders who tried everybody and they weigh 350 pounds i want to tell them that's called gluttony and that's bad i mean what we need to start having a little bit more mercy and understand that we're all in this thing together doesn't make it right doesn't but let's mercy god mercy mercy as we're going through things and and and i've confessed before i i've went through the judgmental pharisee you know uh time frame it was pretty

long i could point out everything look at that people but i had to have a venti coffee in the morning a venti coffee at night 600 700 milligrams of caffeine and i was addicted but i could oh how come they can't stop that how come they can't stop this and they just eat too much and they don't do they just do this they can't stop drinking they can't stop their drug oh look well i couldn't stop my drug use shane oh absolutely if you don't think caffeine is a drug just google it just google it it's a central nervous stimulant that affects the mind in the same way the opium does i mean that we just got to wake up i know these aren't popular sermons but i may got a deal that i'm here to help in order to help it hurts right and all you have to do is take this to god i am absolutely convinced if

you say lord i don't like what he said but do i need to work on that that you're yes yes the hound of heaven the holy spirit will will work on certain areas of your life that need correction and that's why i love a loving father he he he he warns us hey you might want to stop that you might i mean when i see 12 year olds walk around with monster drinks i get oh do you have any clue what you're going to turn into exactly what the thing says monster go just go online how how much is has a road rage increase i think it's like one third of all fatalities now are due to road rage is there connections here with all this and and and the suicide rate and we're putting all this stuff in that stimulates but you know the you know this about drugs right whatever it does to you what does the reverse

happen when you come off if you're taking a a a something that accelerates crystal meth or something you're going to come down very hard if you take something that brings you down then you you're going to come up and be anxious and irritable all the time there there's a reverse effect there i know this term is probably way more than you wanted but it's true and the next reason is combat so we had consequences for our sins just the condition of the body sometimes and then combat you know i want to say so i don't know why i've ignored this twice now feeling prompted to say this on the condition of the body you know a lot of people there are people now a lot of people that need to take insulin and different things for diabetics but i've seen countless people reverse that by taking care of

their body so you don't have to run to the to the shot and now there are some people 12 years old but it's now it's called they've got a new term child onset obesity when you have little kids that are obese at 10. i'll just tell you right now whose fault that is it's not the child's at that age it's the person putting the stuff in the refrigerator in the pantry and not teaching and helping and i have four kids that like to eat a lot so i know very difficult very difficult though that don't fit i said well now you're not eating anything today i can't have anything yeah i'm gonna cut up a pomegranate right now it's interesting how you can lead your family i cannot buy enough pomegranates now to last three days i'll buy 12 pomegranates they're gone in three days because the kids see they

follow now now my if i want to get my wife here's one thing we've always been challenged she was a sugar addict i was trying to be more healthy i just have salads and and healthy stuff out now she starts

eating the same thing see you're leading by example in the home you're leading by example and that's i see so many people running to the doctor when they can cure themselves not all the time right big disclaimer but what in the gym industry i see so many people yeah i'm a diabetic well can i be honest you're about 100 pounds overweight the diet is very unhealthy that you're on i mean they'll tell them i can't have carbohydrates too but they'll come in with a 32 ounce pepsi well shane it's diet what has aspartame aspartame is a chemical that the fda shouldn't have proved and what that does

is your body doesn't know there's no calories your body sees a substitute a sugar substitute so it's going to kick in everything as if it was calories and it's going to be detriment to the body that's why they're linking lots of alzheimer's or different things to people's diets because you're not feeding the body what it needs to proper functionally and every time somebody gets mad at this type of sermon or what i'm saying it's because they're convicted i've never had anybody say get upset that it's taking care of their body so yeah that's not true diet says right here no calories yeah no calories a calorie is just a unit of energy if i consume two thousand i can probably consume three thousand calories a day but i better burn three thousand calories a day it's just a unit of energy so

just because is no calorie fat free if it's junk and garbage it's not going to help the body and once you start to feed the body what it needs you won't be craving a lot of the the junk because you're feeding it what it needs so that's just a whole bunch of extra advice on on the condition of the body yes sometimes people need insulin i've recommended i've read i've recommended xanax i've recommended um um what's that other way i just mentioned for root canal vicodin if somebody is going through tremendous pain and hey try this just for a day or two don't get hooked don't ever oh i don't feel good but god has given us sometimes these things to get to and i know people don't agree with that but i don't i don't recommend it often i'd say but if you need to do that i don't want somebody to

feel guilty you know i mean some some of these things are a gift from god but when they become abused they're not a gift and that's the danger and the last thing is combat so there's consequences to our sins and to our choices sometimes it's just the condition of the body i mean i've many of you you know young kids who have died at four five six from leukemia or cancer or god forbid asthma or i mean it's terrible it's just the condition of the body but the third thing is combat some pain depression suffering etc is the result of spiritual attack there's no way around this one no way around this one jesus healed the lady bent over for 17 years he didn't say your your sciatic nerve is kind of messed up here and your you know you kind of sleep wrong and this is he said why should this

daughter of abraham be inflicted tormented by the devil and then he said those famous words woman thou are loosed from your infirmities and she stood up why should this child being thrown in the fire continue to convulse jesus said out of him the man sitting in his in the tombs living among the tombs jesus came so what do we have to do with you jesus we are legion we are many jesus i don't care out of him so there's unless you believe that that no longer applies well i don't i mean there's demonic influence and it's real for we wrestle not against flesh and blood you're not going to beat the devil with your nine millimeter okay you're not going to beat the devil with putting extra locks on the door the battle is spiritual you pull down strongholds you cast down arguments if you look at

the imagery there that'd be a wonderful verse to teach on sometimes we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities against the powers of darkness against rulers of this age and it talks about casting down arguments like what does that mean well you're something that's going against god you cast it down you don't embrace it you bring every thought captive to the obedience of christ you say that's not a

right thought that's a wrong thought and if the devil's coming against he's that this breaks down and this is sick and this who you just god help me god help me and you fight demonic realm you fight it with prayer you fight it with fasting you fight it with the spirit-filled life if i'm going through something you know what i probably do i would fast i would pray and i

would go visit all the hospital homes and show mercy and be filled with the spirit of god and get off my my trip and count on my christmas presents and start serving god and the devil the devil hates worship he hates prayer and he hates fasting because you're starving the flesh the very thing he's using against you that's how that's how you fight the devil well shane it's not working we'll keep trying what's the bible say knock and it will be open to you the strongest christians in god's kingdom are also the strongest knockers see there's something we don't talk about anymore perseverance we don't talk about it's not i said a prayer for three minutes have you ever when is the last time you spent an hour on your knees that's how that's how you pull down arguments and cast away things

that are highly exalted exalting themselves you cast them down in order to keep paul humble he was given a thorn in his flesh a messenger of satan well it's some somebody once asked me well shane what do you do if it's the consequences of sin how do i know it's a condition of my body or how do i know if it's a demonic attack good question right i'm going to give you a very very good answer that works all the time i cover all my bases lord if this is a demonic attack satan has no power here he's defeated on the cross i'm not going to allow it in my home i'm not going to allow it on my body i'm claiming victory i'm speaking it out go watch war room watch what she did walk around that house there's nothing wrong with that house that's in pentecostal no i'm walking around my house and devil

you are not welcome here you're not going to bury my 10 year old at 17 because of a heroin overdose you're not going to take my son and get him addicted to alcohol you're not going to take my two daughters and get them raped you have no you know no no control in this house the demonic realm was crushed at the foot of the cross i'm going to sit i'm going to pray and i'm going to worship i don't care what i have to do you have no power over me greater is he that's in me than he that's in the world you've been defeated the lies are over you've been defeated that's it that's one the next one is lord if there is any clean unclean thing in me if there's iniquity i'm holding in my heart if these things are happening because of the sins that i've done or something i'm doing lord please show them

to me reveal them to me like david said created me a clean heart renew a right spirit within me i want to see the joy of my salvation uh return to me lord i'm i'm i'm justifying i'm blame shifting i'm a sinner i can sneakily do things but you illuminate show me show me if what is happening is directly related to something i'm doing that i need to repent from but lord if it's a condition of my body i'm holding on to you you're my anchor you're my you're everything listen i've i've had i felt anxiety and palpitations my wife will tell you so bad that i thought i was going to die let's make plans for the church i'm out of here tomorrow and it's a you know but i'm holding on to the rock i'm holding on to him as i go down because the end i don't know if that was what was that from condition

this this demonic attack i'm covering all bases i think that's biblical because what beat of the man says no i haven't done anything to cause this really we just don't know that's why god says come to me but he also says whoever wants wisdom wisdom asking i mean there are so many things that god has showed me when i just asked lord to show me i mean from ways to heal our kids from certain things when they were sick growing up to to certain ailments and um you know it's one of the reasons i get hooked up on this this caffeine thing with coffee is because he's been showing me for probably 12 years my wife will tell you and

what it does to me it makes me irritable and anxious and if we can just sum it up a jerk right leave me alone add give me away type a personality and you can't be a

pastor and have those qualities you know it's not a good thing you shouldn't even be a husband or father or mother so he's showing me how i'm what i'm doing to my body is hurting others and he's convicting it's a loving father and i see i see people so many people abusing different things i mean i could spend 20 minutes on sugar addiction that would make all of you get out here and squirm and what then the foods we're consuming that some of it has no nutritional value at all the pesticides the herbicides the fungicide everything chemicals all kinds of junk going against god's design and here's the results childhood obesity is now an epidemic cancer heart disease number one killers i mean this this is this is not rocket science and it's so sad because it wasn't till i would see people in

their 60s that would come to me and say shane i i gotta make changes doctor doesn't give me much time why waste the entire life so see god lovingly warns and confronts and challenges and it's still another page but let me just read it one of my favorite scriptures you will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in you so the whole series on hope is staying anchor to the anchor he will keep the person whose mind is steadfast now this is interesting he will keep you in perfect peace whose mind is steadfast well all of us can say i've been there and i'm not in perfect peace sometimes that steadfast there is is a word it's it's it's keeping your mind back it's going to drip it's back on god you're steadfast you're persevering you're anchoring it's falling away but

you're going back lord this isn't right but i'm going you're keeping your mind steadfast on him because you trust in god and he will keep that perfect person in perfect peace i wanted to show you a video it shows the spread of christianity and sometimes we forget about how how big god's mercy is and his love and his hope and how he just encompasses everything and his mercy his word will travel so as you watch this just kind of reflect on god's greatness

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