

Life in a Broken World Part 2: When your body betrays you

Intro: In culture that glorifies the healthy, beautiful, powerful body, sickness can feel like betrayal ...

1. The common human experience (Gen. 3, Rom. 8)

2. God's faithful people wrestle with the experience of affliction (Ps. 90 & 22)

3. God's answer of grace in our affliction (2 Cor.12)

Pause – do you think this is a lesser answer than you were hoping for?

4. Justification by grace through faith (Eph. 2)

This is pastoral care medicine for the now, not just a theological truth for the future

5. Good works prepared for you to walk in ... even in your sickness (Eph. 2)

Yes, illness means we need to rest ... But, sickness does not rob you of all opportunity to respond to grace with good works

6. The temporary nature of broken bodies (2 Cor. 5)

Homesick for heaven, longing for the perishable to be clothed with imperishability (1 Cor. 15, Rev 21)

7. "The body" of the church ought to care for those members who experience the brokenness of fragile bodies (Romans 12, Gal.6)

Praying for and with those who can't

Comforting with the love of God in Christ (2 Cor. 1, Phil. 4:7)