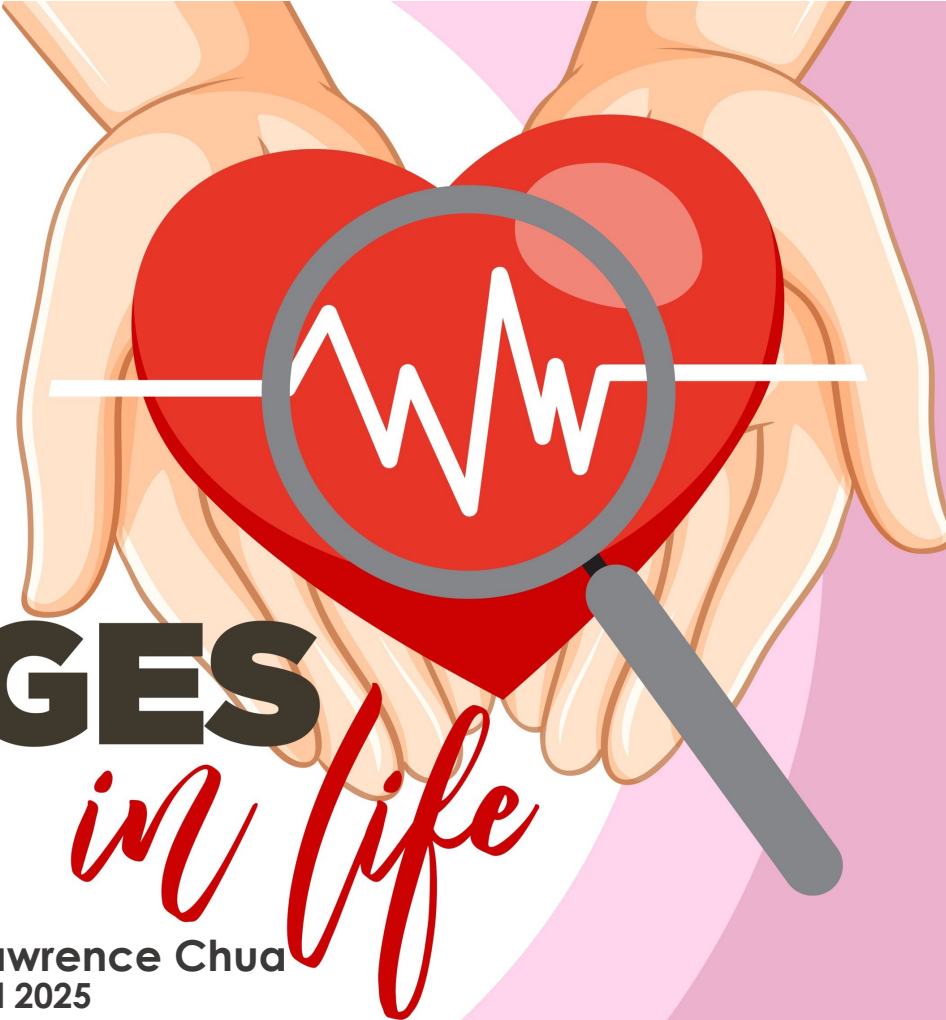


2 KINGS 5:1-15

ENCOUNTERING HEALTH CHALLENGES

in life

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VIDEO TESTIMONY



INTRODUCTION



Video testimony of Pastor Patrick Wong



**Asking Patrick what he learned
from his recent health
challenges**



❖ **Relating to Patrick's testimony**

**When we fall ill, we naturally
want to get healed.**



❖ **Relating to Patrick's testimony**

**Then while recovering, we are
often given pockets of time
to reflect on life.**



❖ **Relating to Patrick's testimony**

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❖ **Relating to Patrick's testimony**

**We ask hard questions of ourselves;
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- **What is my purpose in life?**
- **Who and what are of value to me?**
- **Where do I go after
life on earth?**



❖ **Susceptible to
sickness but never
expecting to fall sick**

**When sickness comes,
we get a rude shock.**



❖ **Susceptible to sickness but never expecting to fall sick**

What for have all the money and success, and be so sick?



❖ **Story of Naaman the Syrian Commander**

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

¹ Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honourable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valour, but a leper.

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife.

3 Then she said to her mistress "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy."

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel.”

5 Then the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing.

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore, please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.”

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

⁸ So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

⁹ Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

¹¹ But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’”

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

¹² Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So, he turned and went away in a rage.

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

2 KINGS 5:1-15 (NKJV)

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, “Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant.”



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❖ **God's grace upon Naaman**



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**God is gracious to you by
leading you to church to have
an encounter with Him.**



❖ **God's grace upon Naaman**

**Now encountering
health challenges.**



❖ **God's grace upon Naaman**

**Need healing of a
non-physical kind.**



❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

**Story of how God heal
a paralytic physically
and spiritually.**

MARK 2:1-12 (NKJV)

- 1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.**
- 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.**

MARK 2:1-12 (NKJV)

³ Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So, when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

MARK 2:1-12 (NKJV)

**⁵ When Jesus saw their faith,
He said to the paralytic,**

“Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

**⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting
there and reasoning in their hearts,**

MARK 2:1-12 (NKJV)

**7 “Why does this Man speak
blasphemies like this? Who can
forgive sins but God alone?” 8 But
immediately, when Jesus perceived
in His spirit that they reasoned thus
within themselves, He said to them,
“Why do you reason about these
things in your hearts?”**

MARK 2:1-12 (NKJV)

9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” — He said to the paralytic,

MARK 2:1-12 (NKJV)

¹¹ “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

¹² Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

**Spiritual healing came by his
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**We shall have to face God
after our death.**

HEBREWS 9:27 (NKJV)

**And as it is appointed for men
to die once, but after this
the judgment,**

❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

Wages of sin is death.



❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

**Wages of sin is death.
Sin is falling short of
God's standard.**



❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

Wages of sin is death.

**Sin is falling short of
God's standard.**

**It means you are a sinner
in God's sight.**



ROMANS 3:23a (NKJV)

**for all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God**

❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

**We may not be a sinner
in the sight of man.**



❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

**We may not be a sinner
in the sight of man.**

**We are sinner in the sight of
the holy and perfect God.**



❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

**Good news is God is ready
and willing to give us the gift
of eternal life in Jesus Christ.**

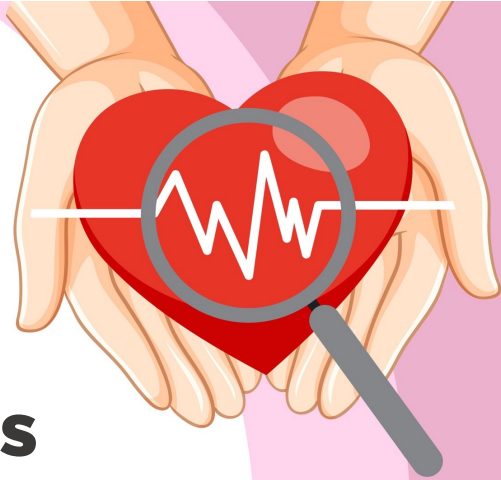


ROMANS 3:23b (NKJV)

**For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.**

❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

**To be forgiven by God is
to be healed spiritually by God.**



❖ **A very sick man who had
an encounter with God**

**To be healed spiritually is more
important than to be healed
physically.**



❖ **Requirement of
faith and humility**



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and humility**

**Humbling yourself and
obeying the instruction from
God are acts of faith.**



JOHN 5:24 (NKJV)

**“Most assuredly, I say to you,
he who hears My word and believes
in Him who sent Me has everlasting
life, and shall not come into
judgment, but has passed from
death into life.**

❖ **Requirement of faith
and humility**

**When you are prepared to
humble yourself and obey
the call to believe,
you are believing.**





❖ **Salvation call**

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**Dear Jesus, thank You for dying
on the cross for me. Thank You
for loving me so deeply.**

**I confess that I am a sinner in your sight.
Please forgive me of my sins.
I repent from my sins.**

**I invite You to come into my life and be
my Lord and Saviour. Thank You for the
gift of eternal life. I pray in Jesus' name.
Amen**