

Romans 8:28
And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

I Corinthians 11:30
For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

"God can sometimes use you best when you are at your worst."

3. Have the grace to accept the Lord's _____ for your life.

Phrases to Help:
"This too shall pass."
"Things could be worse."
"It's not what happens to me but what happens in me that matters most."

4. Allow the Lord to _____ both in your life and through your life for His glory.
5. Continue to allow God to use you in _____ of your infirmity.

II Corinthians 12:7-11 "7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. 11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing."

UNDERSTANDING VALLEYS

Dr. Mike Wells, Pastor, Wednesday Evening, February 1, 2012

JOHN 11:1-4 "1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother was Lazarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby."

The Valley of Sickness

Introduction:

1. When in the Valley of Sickness, it is much harder to _____.
2. When in the Valley of Sickness, it is much harder to study your _____.
3. When in the Valley of Sickness, it is much harder to be _____ to God's house.
4. When in the Valley of Sickness, it is much harder to keep your _____ right.

Genesis 48:1
*And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, **Behold, thy father is sick:** and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.*



II Samuel 12:15

...And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

II Kings 13:14a

Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died.

Acts 9:36-37

Mark 2:17
When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, **They that are whole have no need to the physician, but they that are sick...**

Colossians 4:14

John 11:6
When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

John 11:15

I. Sickness is a result of the curse, but not all sickness is a result of _____ sin.

II. Sickness happens to those whom the _____ loves.

III. Some sickness is the result of the _____ of the Lord.

IV. Some sickness can eventually lead to _____.

V. Some times _____ are necessary.

VI. There are times when the Lord chooses _____ to heal _____ people.

VII. The Lord may have a definite _____ for your sickness.

John 11:39

II Corinthians 12:7

...there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, **lest I should be exalted above measure.**

James 5:14

Is any sick among you? 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:

James 5:15

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven.

When people face adversity, they make one of these four decisions:

- _____ -they try to get away, but problems always follow.
- _____ -they hope the problem will go away, but problems left alone only get worse.
- _____ -they resist, but the problems still persist.
- _____ -they look at the problem realistically.

VIII. God _____ when He chooses.

Philippians 2:26-27, "For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow."

IX. God can get _____ out of sickness.

X. Everything that touches you is for your _____.

How to Behave When Sick:

1. Make sure that this sickness is not the result of _____.
2. Have the _____ to seek the Lord's healing.