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“Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.”

Isaiah 41:14



Responsive Call To Worship

From Isaiah 41 (ESV)

Leader: “But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

People: you whom I took from the ends
of the earth, and called from its
farthest corners, saying to you,

Leader: 'You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off';

People: fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;

Leader: I will strengthen you,
I will help you, I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand.

People: Fear not, you worm Jacob,
you men of Israel!

Leader: I am the one who helps you,
declares the LORD; your Redeemer
is the Holy One of Israel.

People: And you shall rejoice
in the LORD; in the Holy One
of Israel you shall glory.

Leader: When the poor and needy
seek water, and there is none
and their tongue is parched with thirst,

All: I the LORD will answer them;
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.”



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus it is He –

Lord Sabaoth His name,

From age to age the same,

And He must win the battle.

A Mighty Fortress

A Mighty Fortress is our God!

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And though this world, with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us

The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

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That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth:
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

A Mighty Fortress
A Mighty Fortress is our God!
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“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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I Will Stand

Holland Davis

I will stand in Your house, O Lord
And I will sing of Your great love
'Cause I was lost but now I'm found
Under the mercy of the cross

I lift up my hands . . . in sweet surrender

I lift up my voice . . . to worship You

I give You my life . . . fill me completely

Let Your name . . . be always on my lips

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(repeat)

Let Your name...
Be always on my lips.

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Great Are You, Lord

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

You give life, You are love;
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope; You restore
Every heart that is broken.
Great are You, Lord!

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise;
We pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to only You.

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It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise;
We pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

(repeat)

And all the earth will shout Your praise;
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing:

“Great are You, Lord!”

(repeat)

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise;
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

(repeat)

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Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we bow down before you because you are worthy of praise and adoration. Lord Jesus, we rejoice in you, our Redeemer and King. It is good to be in your house this Lord's day. We thank you that we can come just as we are: weak, frail, broken, unworthy.

Yet you promise to be near the humble
and close to the broken hearted.
Forgive us our many sins through
the blood that was shed on the cross.
Renew us through your Spirit, who is
our powerful, holy, constant companion.
Be glorified through our lives and in
our worship. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent time of personal confession



He Knows My Name

Tommy Walker

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hands

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
He hears me when I call

I have a Father
He calls me his own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I've gone

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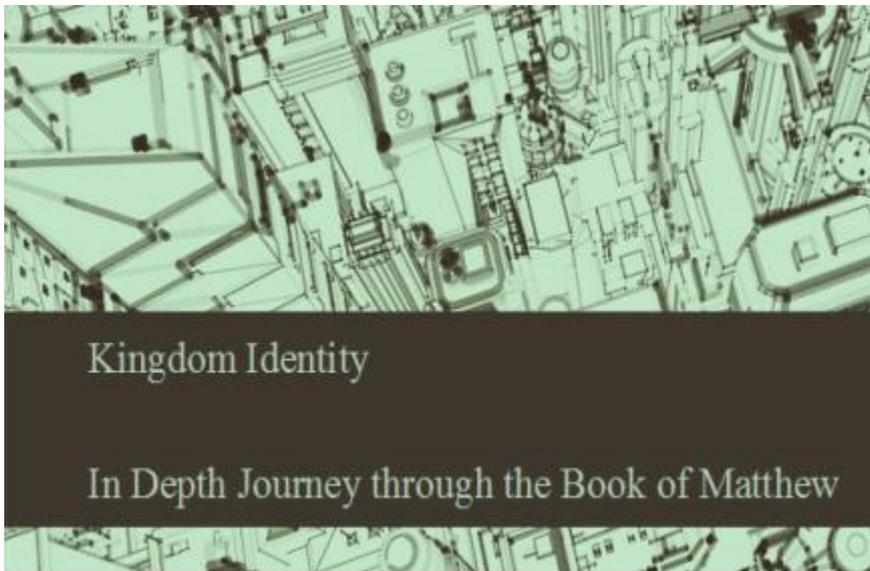
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Two Classes in April

Kingdom Identity

The King,
His Kingdom,
and His Kingdom-Keepers

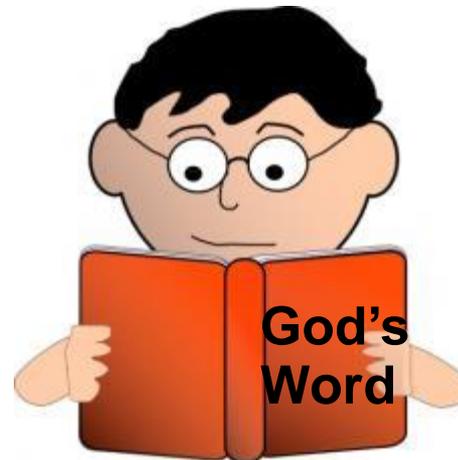


...In the Parlor

*...But We have the
Mind of Christ*

Value the Things that Christ Values

- ◆ A Heart for Compassion
- ◆ Humble and Obedient
- ◆ Seeking the Lost
- ◆ Dependence on God and for God's Glory



...In Fellowship Hall



Join us for another fun summer of reading, arts and exploring God's Word

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Concert of Prayer

Sunday, May 6th at 7pm

- ❖ **Join us at 7pm to pray together in the Parlor. All are welcome.**
- ❖ **We will have a special emphasis on the Pastoral Search.**
- ❖ **Mathew 7:7-8** “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Prayer Intercessors Available in the Prayer Room after the service

Do you have a need and want to pray with someone?

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Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-5:5

“⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke,' we also believe, and so we also speak,

¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, **18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened— not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ira Stanphill

I don't know about tomorrow;
I just live from day to day.
I don't borrow from its sunshine,
For its skies may turn to gray.

I don't worry o'er the future,
For I know what Jesus said;
And today, I'll walk beside Him,
For He knows what is ahead.

Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand.

Every step is getting brighter
As the golden stairs I climb;
Every burden's getting lighter,
Every cloud is silver-lined.

There the sun is always shining;
There no tear will dim the eye,
At the ending of the rainbow
Where the mountains touch the sky.

Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand.

I don't know about tomorrow;
It may bring me poverty,
But the One who feeds the sparrow
Is the One who stands by me.

And the path that be my portion
May be through the flame or flood;
But His presence goes before me,
And I'm covered with His blood.

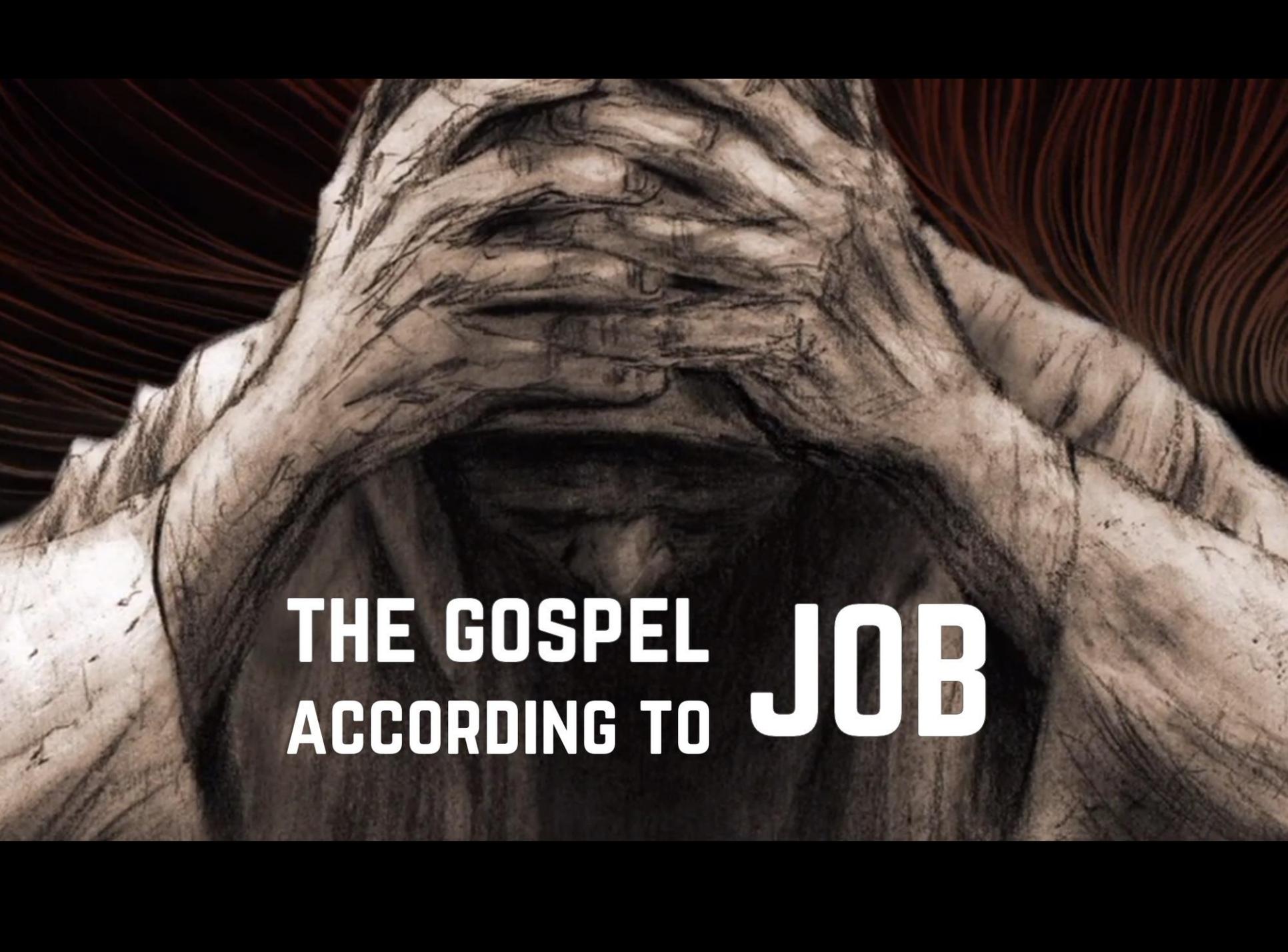
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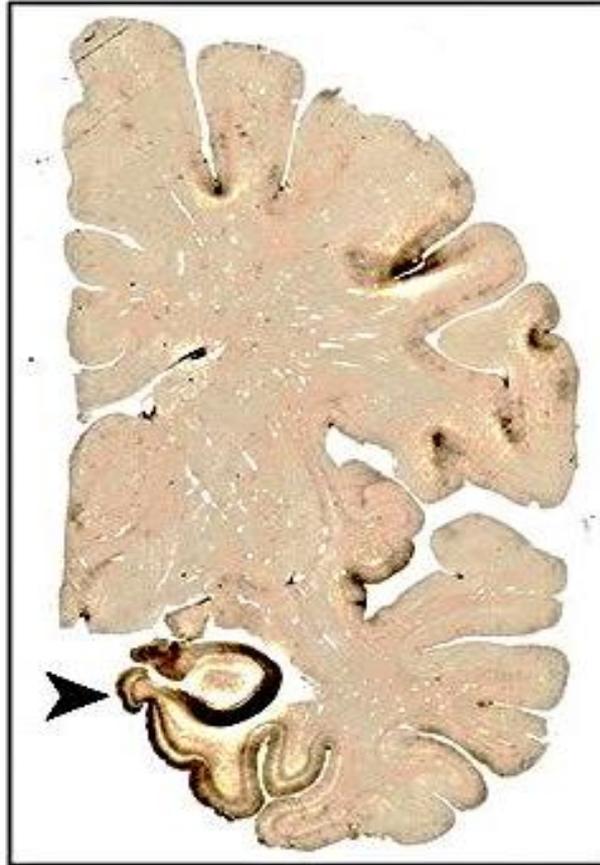
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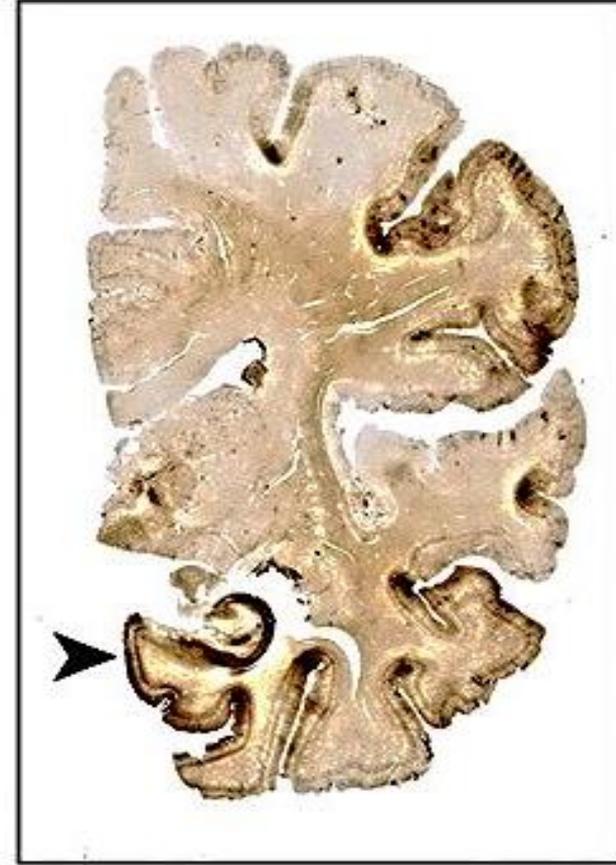
Stage II CTE



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“Players of American football may be at increased risk of long-term neurological conditions, particularly chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).”

Job 2:1-13

¹ “Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ² And the LORD said to Satan, ‘From where have you come?’ Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.’”

³ And the LORD said to Satan,
'Have you considered my servant Job,
that there is none like him on the earth,
a blameless and upright man, who
fears God and turns away from evil?
He still holds fast his integrity,
although you incited me against him
to destroy him without reason.'

⁴ Then Satan answered the LORD and said, 'Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life.

⁵ But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' ⁶ And the LORD said to Satan, 'Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.'

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

⁸ And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.’ ¹⁰ But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.

¹² And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.

¹³ And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Test #2, Physical Pain

Job 2:1-13



**Even when we are experiencing
extraordinary pain,
in Christ we can experience
an extraordinary hope.**

Good news in midst of our sufferings:

1. We can trust our Sovereign God.
2. We can be honest about our feelings.
3. We can lean on the comfort from others.

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“In pain you shall bring forth children...”

“Cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days
of your life...”

Genesis 3:16-17

And ought not this woman,
a daughter of Abraham whom Satan
bound for eighteen years, be loosed
from this bond on the Sabbath day?

Luke 13:16

Job's suffering as cited in the book of Job

Intense pain

Peeling and darkened skin

Pus-filled, erupting sores

Anorexia, emaciation

Fever

Depression

Sleeplessness

Nightmares

Putrid breath

Difficulty breathing

Failing vision

Rotting teeth

Haggard looks

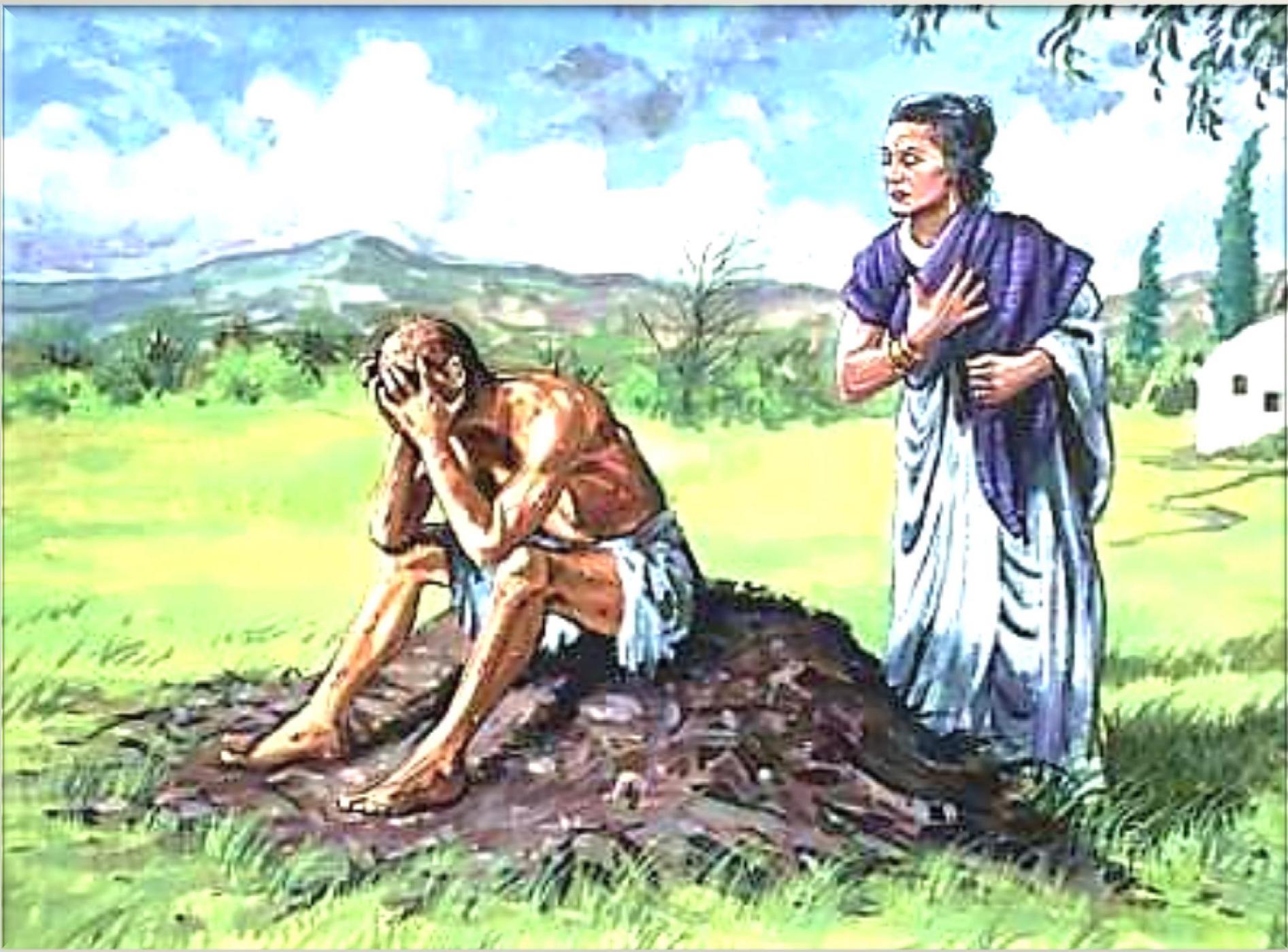
Painful swollen sores all over his body

Intense itching

2. We can be honest about our feelings.

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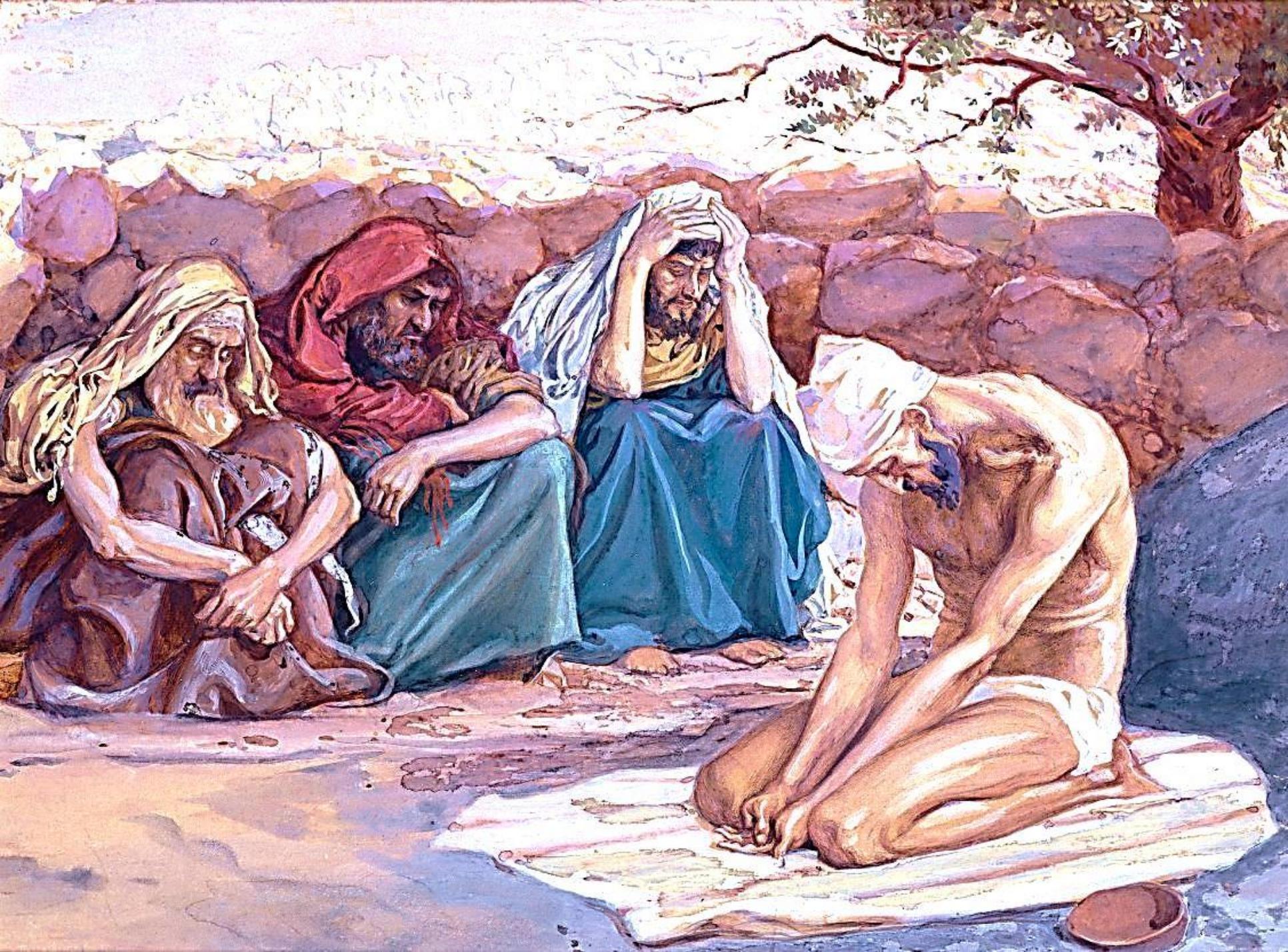
Biblical theology of life and death:

- **Death is a product of the fall.**
- **Death is the universal enemy of mankind.**
- **Death is not the end.**
- **God is promoter of life, not death.**
- **Jesus has triumphed over death.**
- **Those who are not in Christ have no ground for confidence and fear, sorrow, anger, etc. are very normal in the face of pain and death.**
- **Those who are in Christ have victory, confidence in the faith of death. Heaven is our future hope!**



3. We can lean on the comfort from others.

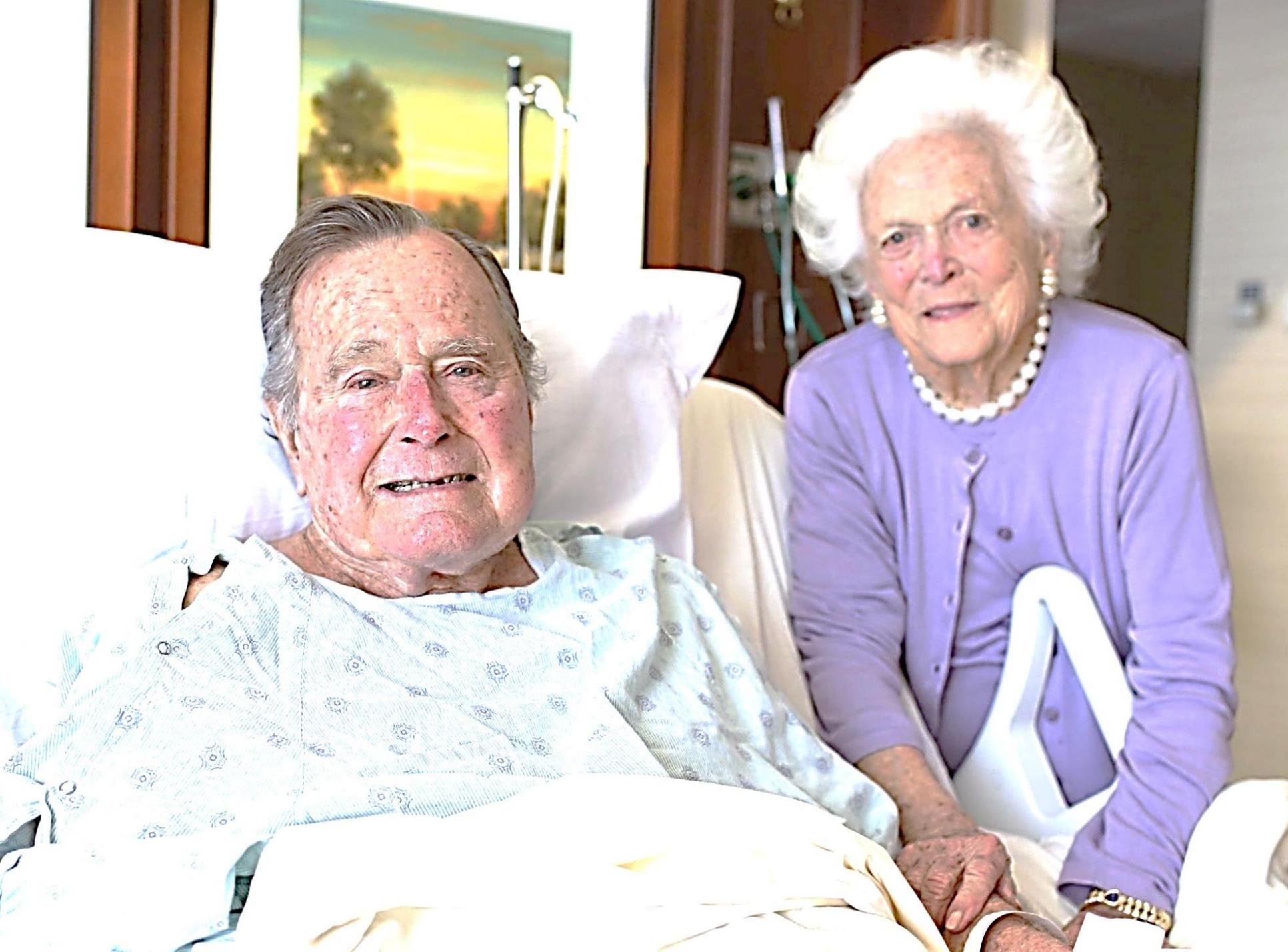
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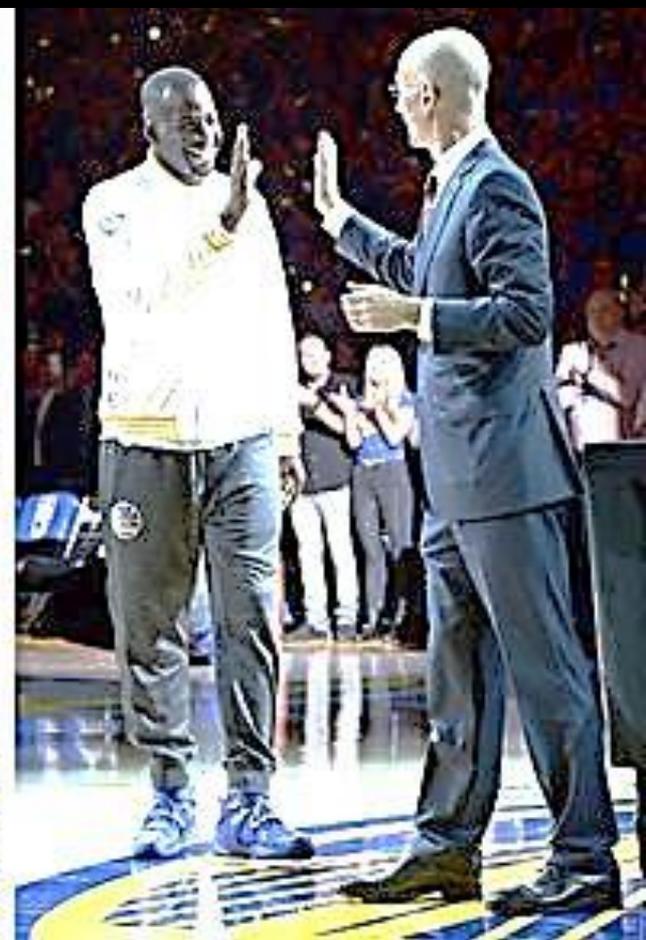
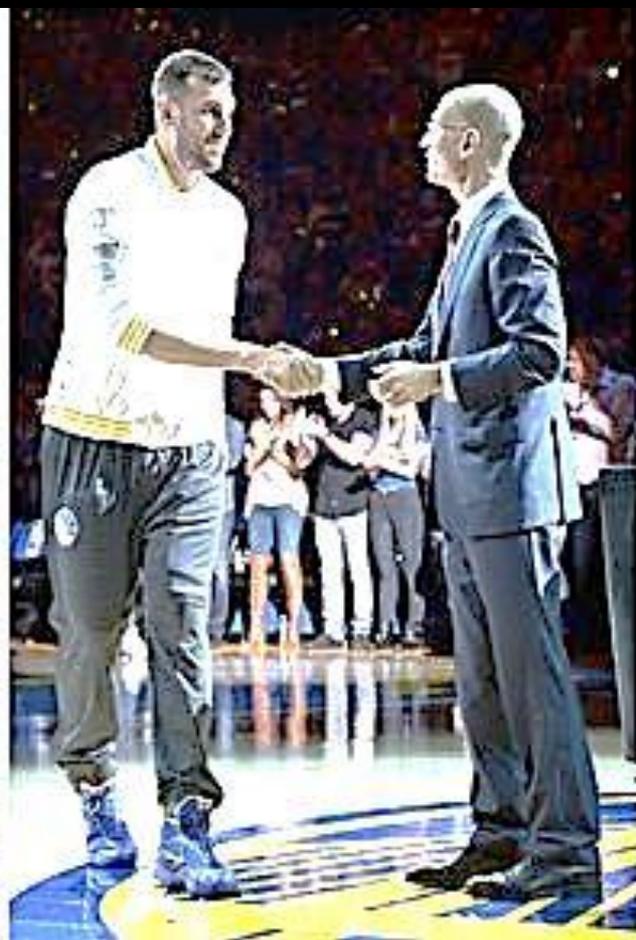
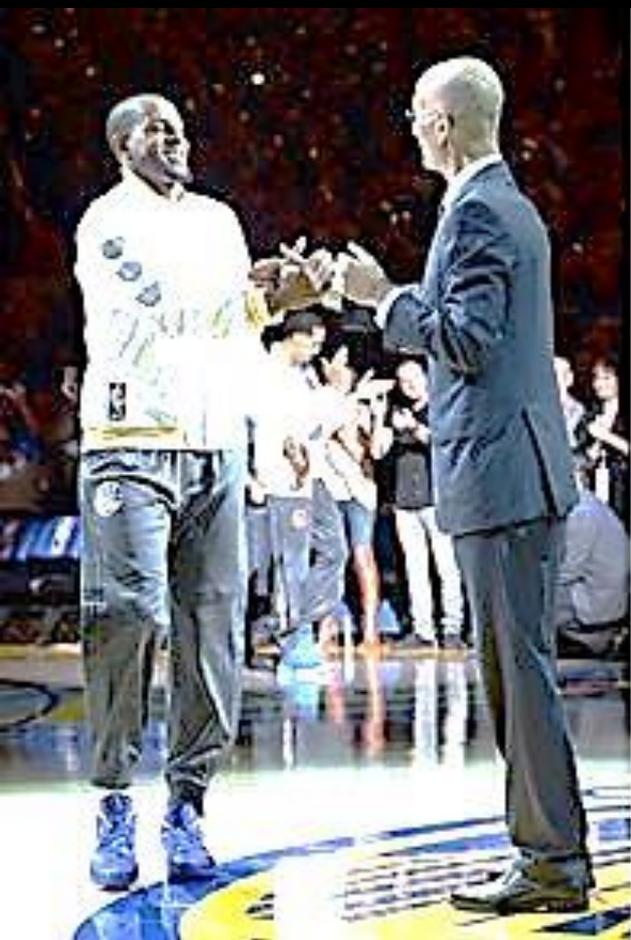
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I will live, I will not die;

The resurrection power of Christ

Alive in me, and I am free in Jesus' name.

I will live, I will not die;

I will declare and lift You high.

Christ revealed,

And I am healed in Jesus' name!

God is fighting for us,
Pushing back the darkness,
Lighting up the Kingdom
That cannot be shaken.

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