



Above all, my brothers, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your “Yes” be yes, and your “No,” no, or you will be condemned.

James 5:12



"I call God as my witness that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth."

2 Cor. 1:23



JESUS

Do not swear an oath at all

either by heaven

or by the earth

or by Jerusalem

JAMES

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*The lower the trust between us, the more perfect
the communication has to be.*

*The higher the trust, the more room there is for
mistakes in our words.*



No one is going to be perfect in communication...we must learn to forgive and trust.



Changed Hearts
Impacting Choices
Transforming Relationships
Honoring Christ

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James 5:13-16



"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

James 1:2-4

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him/"

James 1:12



A reminder to turn towards God is often more necessary when we are feeling good about our lives than we are suffering.

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In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but sought help from physicians.

2 Chron. 16:12

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- 1. Is this a guarantee of healing?*
- 2. If there is no healing whose faith failed?*
- 3. Is sickness always the result of sin?*



*“Who sinned that this man was
born blind?”*

John 9

A “Reasonable” approach



Pray

Get medical help

Engage the church



*Jesus said "You may ask me for anything in
my name, and I will do it"*

John 14:14



Why pray?

Because God has said that we should, or rather...that we can.



*Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,
and he prayed fervently that it might not
rain, and for three years and six months it
did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed
again, and heaven gave rain, and the
earth bore its fruit.*

James 5:17-18



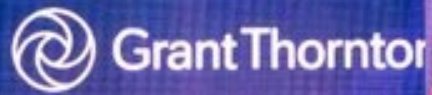
My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

James 5:19-20



Communicate/Demonstrate/Duplicate

Faithful Investment





*Organically Organized for Faithful
Investment*

*Walk with Jesus
Walk with others*