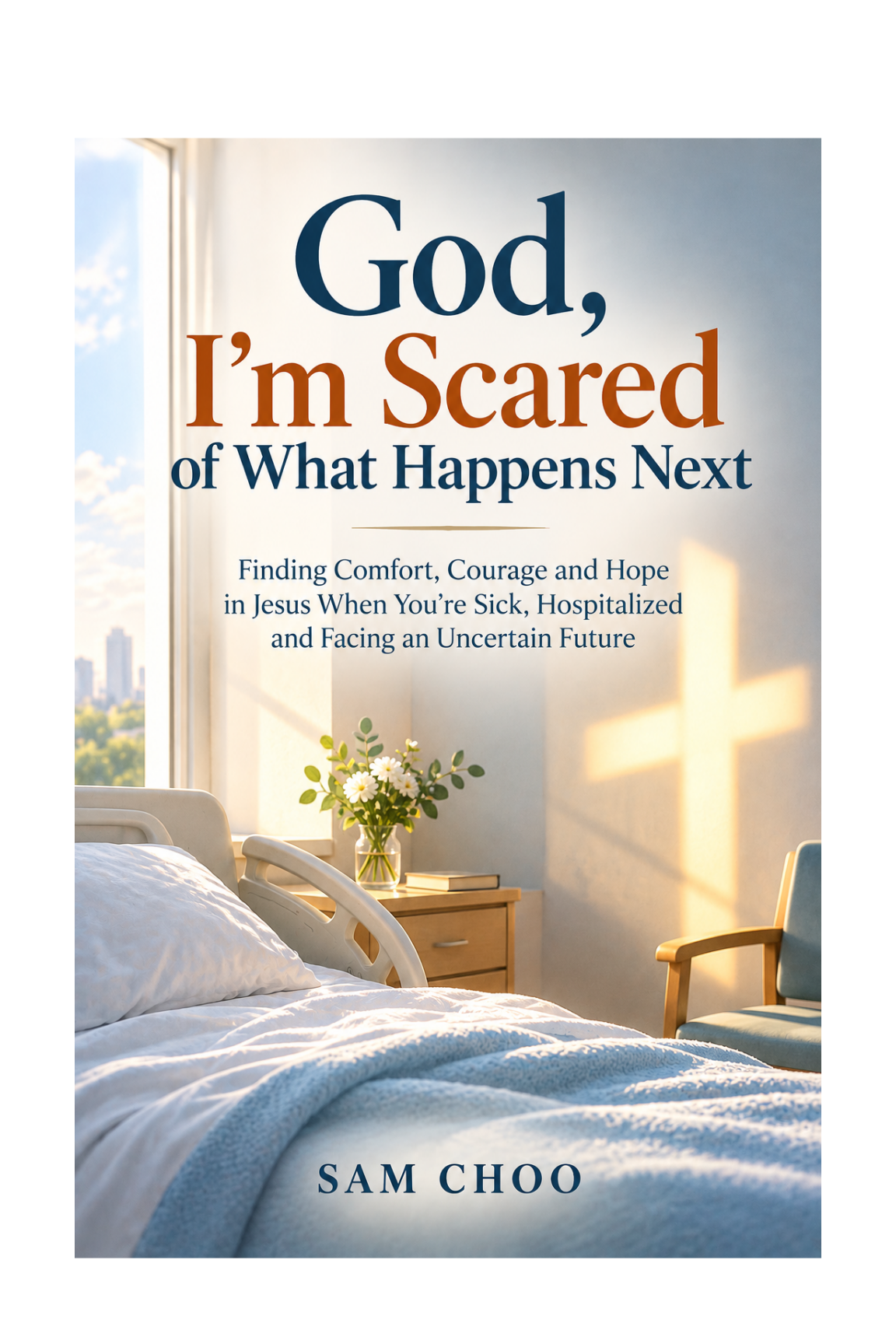


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Introduction: To You, Lying in a Hospital Bed

Perhaps you are reading this while lying in a hospital bed. There may be unfamiliar sounds around you, people coming in to check your condition, and long stretches of time when you are left alone with your thoughts.

You may be waiting for test results, preparing for surgery, recovering from treatment, or wondering whether life will ever return to normal. Perhaps a doctor has mentioned a possibility you are frightened even to think about.

I do not know what brought you here. I will not pretend to understand exactly how you feel.

But I want you to know that you do not have to act brave for the sake of this book.

You are allowed to be frightened. You are allowed to cry, feel angry, ask questions, or admit that you are exhausted. Illness can make even the strongest person feel helpless. Being afraid does not make you weak.

This book will not promise that every treatment will succeed or that every prayer will bring the outcome you want. Your doctors and nurses

have important work to do, and I hope you will ask them the questions weighing on your mind.

What these pages can offer is a little companionship during an uncertain time.

I am writing from a Christian perspective because I believe Jesus offers real comfort to people who suffer. If you already know Him, I hope these words remind you of His compassion. If you do not, you are welcome here too. You do not have to believe everything before you begin reading.

Each short chapter offers a thought to consider, a passage from the Bible, and a simple prayer. Read slowly. Skip ahead if a chapter speaks to your situation. Put the book down whenever you need to rest.

For now, you do not have to solve the rest of your life. You only need to face this moment, with the help available to you.

You may not know what tomorrow will bring. But you do not have to face tomorrow alone.

Chapter 1: God, I'm Scared

“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.” ~Psalm 56:3

You Can Tell the Truth

Perhaps you have been telling everyone, “I’m fine.”

You say it when family members visit. You say it when a nurse asks how you are feeling. You may even say it to yourself, hoping the words will make the fear disappear.

But when the room becomes quiet, the questions return. What will the tests show? Will the treatment work? What if my life changes forever?

You do not have to hide those questions here.

Fear is a natural response to danger and uncertainty. It does not mean you lack courage, and it does not prove that your faith is weak.

Jesus Understands

Before His arrest, Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. He knew suffering lay ahead. He told His disciples that He was overwhelmed with sorrow, and He prayed honestly to His Father.

Jesus did not pretend the coming pain was easy.

If you are frightened tonight, you can speak honestly to God too. You do not need impressive words. You can simply say, “God, I’m scared.”

If you are not sure God is listening, you can still begin there.

Courage for This Moment

Being brave does not mean feeling calm all the time.

Sometimes courage means asking the doctor to explain something again. Sometimes it means accepting help with a task you once did alone. Sometimes it means letting a loved one know that you are frightened.

You do not have to face every possible outcome tonight. For now, breathe gently, rest when you can, and allow the people caring for you to do their work.

Take this day one moment at a time.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, I am afraid of what may happen. I wish I knew how everything would turn out. Please stay close to me in this uncertainty. Give me courage to ask for help, wisdom to listen to those caring for me, and peace enough for this moment. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

You can be afraid and still be held in God's love.

Chapter 2: When the Doctor Gives You Bad News

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” ~ Psalm 46:1

When Everything Changes

Perhaps the doctor said a word you never expected to hear. Perhaps the tests revealed something serious, or you were told that an operation might change your life.

You listened, but afterward you could hardly remember what was said. Your mind kept returning to one frightening possibility.

Bad news can make the future feel suddenly unfamiliar. You may be shocked, angry, numb or overwhelmed. There is no correct way to feel in that moment.

You do not need to make sense of everything immediately.

Ask Again If You Need To

Fear can make medical information difficult to absorb. It is all right to ask the doctor to explain the diagnosis again in simpler words. You can ask what is known, what remains uncertain, and what decisions need to be made now.

If possible, have someone you trust listen with you or help write down your questions.

You are allowed to take an active part in your care, even when you feel frightened.

God Is Present in the Uncertainty

The Bible does not promise that people who trust God will never receive bad news. Faithful people become ill, suffer losses and face difficult choices.

Psalms 46 calls God a refuge and strength in trouble. A refuge does not mean trouble has vanished. It means there is somewhere to turn while trouble is still here.

Jesus met people who were sick and afraid. He treated them as people worthy of attention and compassion.

You matter too, beyond any diagnosis or medical report.

A Simple Prayer

God, I did not expect this news. I am frightened, and I have many questions. Help me understand what the doctors are telling me. Give wisdom to those treating me, and help me receive support from people who care. When my thoughts race ahead, remind me that I only need to face the next step. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

A diagnosis may change your plans, but it does not diminish your worth.

Chapter 3: The Fear of What Happens Next

“Therefore don't be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.” ~ Matthew 6:34

When Tomorrow Feels Frightening

Perhaps you are waiting for surgery. Perhaps the doctors are still deciding on treatment. Maybe you have been told that recovery could take months, or that you might not regain everything you have lost.

The uncertainty can be exhausting.

Your mind keeps imagining what might happen. You picture the worst outcome, then try to reassure yourself, only to begin worrying again.

Sometimes waiting feels harder than receiving the news itself.

You want answers. You want certainty. Most of all, you want someone to tell you that everything will be all right.

But nobody can honestly promise that.

You Do Not Have to Face Every Tomorrow Today

Jesus spoke about the worries of tomorrow because He understood how easily our minds travel into the future.

His words do not mean that planning is wrong or that medical concerns should be ignored.

They remind us that today already requires enough of our strength.

You may have decisions to make about treatment. Make them with the information and professional guidance available. Ask questions. Seek support.

But you do not have to mentally live through every possible outcome before it happens.

There is a difference between preparing for tomorrow and suffering through an imagined tomorrow repeatedly.

Take the Next Step

When the future feels overwhelming, bring your attention back to what is immediately before you.

Perhaps today's task is another medical test.

Perhaps it is speaking with your doctor.

Perhaps it is eating a little, taking prescribed medicine, or getting some rest.

These may seem like small things when your whole future feels uncertain.

But small steps are still steps.

God does not ask you to know everything that will happen next before you can turn to Him.

You can trust Him with questions that remain unanswered.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, I am frightened of what tomorrow might bring. My mind keeps imagining things I cannot control. Please help me make wise decisions and trust those caring for me. Give me patience while I wait, courage for whatever comes next, and enough peace to rest today. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

You do not need strength for every possible tomorrow. Ask God for strength for today.

Chapter 4: When Your Body Lets You Down

“My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” ~ Psalm 73:26

When Ordinary Things Become Difficult

Perhaps you used to walk wherever you wanted, prepare your own meals, and take care of yourself without thinking twice.

Now you may need help getting out of bed, going to the bathroom, or doing things that once seemed effortless.

It can be frustrating, even humiliating.

You may feel angry with your body. You may wonder whether you will ever be independent again.

Illness can take away more than physical strength. It can affect your confidence, privacy, routines, and sense of identity.

These losses are real. You are allowed to grieve them.

Needing Help Does Not Make You a Burden

Perhaps you dislike asking nurses or family members for assistance. You apologize repeatedly, even when you genuinely need help.

But needing care does not make you less valuable.

Think about someone you love. If that person became seriously ill, would you consider them worthless because they needed assistance?

Of course not.

Try extending that same compassion to yourself.

Your worth has never depended entirely on what your body can do.

You are still a person with thoughts, memories, relationships, and dignity.

God Sees More Than Your Illness

The Bible reminds us that human strength is limited.

Even strong bodies grow tired. Healthy people become sick. Aging eventually changes what we can do.

Psalms 73 speaks of failing strength while finding security in God.

For Christians, this means our relationship with God does not disappear when our physical abilities decline.

Jesus showed compassion toward people whose illnesses had disrupted their lives. He saw the person beyond the condition.

You deserve that same dignity and compassionate care.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, I miss the strength and independence I once had. I feel frustrated when I cannot do ordinary things for myself. Help me accept assistance without shame. Give patience to those caring for me, and help me treat my body with kindness as I recover or adjust to changes. Remind me that my life still has value. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

Your body may be weaker today, but your worth has not become smaller.

Chapter 5: What If I Don't Get Better?

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” ~ 2 Corinthians 12:9

The Question You Are Afraid to Ask

Perhaps everyone around you is encouraging you to stay positive.

They tell you to be strong, keep fighting, and believe that you will recover.

You appreciate their kindness. But somewhere inside, another question troubles you.

What if I don't get better?

What if the treatment fails? What if I have to live with pain, disability, or permanent changes? What if my condition becomes worse?

These are frightening possibilities. You should not have to pretend they do not exist.

You can hope for recovery while acknowledging that the outcome remains uncertain.

Faith Is Not a Guarantee of Healing

Christians believe that God has the power to heal. The Gospels describe Jesus healing people who were sick.

But the Bible does not promise that every believer will recover from every illness.

The apostle Paul described a painful affliction that he asked God to remove. He prayed repeatedly, yet the affliction remained. God's answer was that His grace would be sufficient.

We do not know exactly what Paul's affliction was. His experience nevertheless reminds us that unanswered prayers for relief do not necessarily mean God has abandoned us.

You can pray for healing, receive medical treatment, and still trust God when the outcome is unknown.

Hope When Life Changes

Recovery may mean returning to your previous life. It may also mean learning to live differently.

Some changes bring genuine grief. You may need time to mourn abilities, plans, or independence that you have lost.

You do not have to call those losses blessings.

Christian hope rests in something deeper than physical recovery. It rests in Jesus Christ, who suffered, died, and rose again.

His resurrection gives Christians hope that sickness and death will not have the final word.

For today, hope may simply mean knowing that your life remains precious, whatever happens next.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, I want to get better, and I am frightened that I might not. Please guide my treatment and give wisdom to those caring for me. Help me face difficult possibilities without losing hope. If my life changes permanently, give me strength to adjust and people who will walk beside me. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

You can hope for healing without having to pretend that healing is guaranteed.

Chapter 6: Jesus Understands Your Suffering

“Jesus wept.” ~ John 11:35

Someone Who Understands Pain

When you are suffering, it can be difficult to hear someone say, “I understand.”

You may wonder how anyone who has never experienced your illness could understand what you are going through.

Christianity offers something remarkable: God did not remain distant from human suffering. Christians believe that Jesus, the Son of God, entered our world and experienced pain Himself.

He knew exhaustion, hunger, rejection, grief, and physical suffering.

Jesus understands what it means to hurt.

Jesus Was Not Ashamed of Tears

When Jesus visited the tomb of His friend Lazarus, He wept.

He knew the sorrow of losing someone He loved. He saw the grief of the people around Him and shared their tears.

Jesus did not tell everyone to stop crying because they should have stronger faith.

His tears remind us that sorrow is part of being human.

If you cry in your hospital bed, you do not need to feel ashamed.

Jesus Faced Fear and Suffering

Before His arrest, Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. He knew terrible suffering lay ahead and asked His Father whether the coming ordeal could be taken away.

Later, He was mocked, beaten, and crucified.

Christians believe that Jesus willingly endured the cross and that God raised Him from the dead.

This is central to Christian hope.

Jesus offers more than comforting words. His life, death, and resurrection reveal God's love and offer hope beyond suffering and death.

You Can Come to Him

Perhaps you have never prayed to Jesus before.

You do not need to understand every Christian teaching before speaking to Him.

You can begin with your questions, doubts, and fears.

You can tell Him that you are frightened of treatment, afraid of pain, or uncertain about the future.

You can ask Him to help you discover whether He is truly who Christians believe Him to be.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, I am hurting, and sometimes I feel that nobody understands. I have heard that You experienced suffering too. Help me know You better. Please comfort me when I am frightened, give me courage when I feel weak, and help me face whatever comes next. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

Jesus knows what suffering feels like. You can bring your pain to Him.

Chapter 7: When You Feel Alone in the Hospital

“I will not leave you or forsake you.” ~ Hebrews 13:5

When Visiting Hours End

During the day, there may be doctors, nurses, visitors, and conversations. Then evening comes. The ward grows quieter, and you are left with your thoughts.

Perhaps your family lives far away. Perhaps you have few visitors. Even when people care deeply, they cannot always stay beside your bed.

Loneliness can feel especially painful when you are sick. You may miss familiar voices, your own room, or simply having someone nearby who knows you well.

There is nothing shameful about wanting company.

Tell Someone You Feel Lonely

You do not have to keep loneliness a secret.

If you can, tell a family member or friend that you would appreciate a call or a short visit. Ask a nurse whether the hospital has a chaplain, spiritual care worker, or volunteer who could spend time with you.

You can also tell someone when you are feeling frightened at night. Hospital staff may be busy, but they need to know when you are struggling.

Human companionship matters. Seeking it is a good thing.

The Promise of God's Presence

The Bible records God's promise: "I will not leave you or forsake you."

For Christians, this is a source of comfort. God's presence is not limited to churches or peaceful places. You can turn to Him in a crowded ward, during a sleepless night, or while waiting for another test.

You may not feel anything unusual when you pray. Feeling alone does not mean God has abandoned you.

If faith is new to you, you can begin with a simple request: "God, if You are here, help me know Your presence."

There is no need to force a feeling.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, this hospital room feels lonely tonight. I miss familiar faces and the comfort of home. Please help me reach out when I need company, and bring kind people alongside me. When the night feels long, remind me that I can speak to You. Give me rest and comfort. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

Even when no one can sit beside your bed, you can turn to God in prayer.

Chapter 8: When You Cannot Stop Worrying

“Casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you.” ~
1 Peter 5:7

When Your Mind Will Not Rest

Perhaps the ward is quiet, but your mind is busy. You replay what the doctor said. You imagine another test, another operation, another piece of bad news.

You tell yourself to stop worrying. A few minutes later, the same thoughts return.

Worry can be especially exhausting in hospital because there is so much waiting and so little you can control. You may even feel guilty for being anxious.

Please do not add guilt to your fear.

Give Your Thoughts Somewhere to Go

When a frightening thought returns, try naming it gently: “I am worried about tomorrow’s results.”

Then ask whether there is anything useful you can do now. Perhaps you can write down a question for your doctor or ask someone to sit with you. If there is nothing to do tonight, remind yourself that the question can wait.

You might notice the support of your pillow, listen to a familiar voice, or look around the room and name a few things you can see. These small acts can help bring your attention back to the present.

If worry is keeping you from sleeping or feels unbearable, tell your nurse or doctor. You deserve support.

You Can Pray While Still Afraid

The Bible invites us to bring our worries to God because He cares for us.

That invitation does not mean anxious thoughts will disappear the moment you pray. Some worries return many times. You can bring them to God many times too.

You do not have to feel peaceful before you speak to Him.

If you are unfamiliar with prayer, think of it as an honest conversation. Tell God what is frightening you. Ask for help with the next hour rather than demanding answers about the next year.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, my thoughts keep returning to things I fear. I am tired of worrying. Help me recognize what needs attention and what I cannot settle

tonight. Give me courage to ask for support and moments of rest when my mind feels crowded. Please stay with me through this uncertain time. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

A worried thought is not a prediction of what will happen.

Chapter 9: When You Are Too Weak to Pray

“The Spirit also helps our weaknesses, for we don’t know how to pray as we ought.” ~ Romans 8:26

When Words Are Hard to Find

Some days you may feel too tired even to talk. Pain, medication, interrupted sleep, or worry can leave you exhausted. You may close your eyes and want nothing more than a little rest.

Perhaps someone has encouraged you to pray, but you cannot find the words. You wonder whether you should be asking for healing, strength, or simply an end to the fear.

You might even feel guilty because you have not prayed much.

Please do not turn prayer into another task you must perform well.

Prayer Can Be Very Simple

Prayer does not require beautiful language or long sentences. Jesus taught His followers to speak to God as a loving Father.

You can begin with just a few words:

“God, help me.”

“Jesus, I am afraid.”

“Please give me rest.”

“Thank You for the people caring for me.”

If you are uncertain about God, you can say that too: “God, I don’t know if You hear me, but I need help.”

There is no need to pretend you have stronger faith than you do.

When You Have No Words

Romans 8 speaks of the Holy Spirit helping us in our weakness, even when we do not know how to pray.

For Christians, this is a tender reassurance. God is not waiting for a perfect prayer before He cares about us.

You might listen while someone prays for you. You might quietly repeat a familiar Bible verse. Or you might simply rest.

If your pain or fear is overwhelming, tell your medical team. Prayer and practical care belong together.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, I am tired. Sometimes I cannot think clearly or find the words to pray. You know what I am facing and what I need. Please give me rest, comfort, and courage for today. Help me accept care from others. When I cannot say anything more, let this simple prayer be enough: Lord, help me. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

A few honest words are enough to begin a prayer.

Chapter 10: Finding Peace Before Surgery or Treatment

“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.” ~ Psalm 56:3

When the Time Draws Near

Perhaps your surgery is tomorrow. Maybe you are waiting to begin chemotherapy, undergo a difficult procedure, or receive another treatment.

You have listened to the doctors and signed the necessary forms. Now there is little left to do but wait.

Your stomach feels unsettled. You wonder whether the procedure will succeed, whether it will hurt, or what life will be like afterward.

Even when you trust your medical team, you may still feel frightened.

That is understandable.

Ask What You Need to Know

Peace does not require you to remain silent about your concerns.

If something worries you, tell your doctor or nurse. Ask about the procedure, pain management, possible risks, and what to expect afterward.

If you have questions about medication or instructions before treatment, ask rather than guessing.

Understanding what will happen may help you feel better prepared.

You can also ask someone you trust to accompany you or be available afterward, where hospital arrangements allow.

Accepting medical care is not a failure of faith.

Entrusting Yourself to God

Christians believe that God can work through the knowledge, skill, and compassion of those who provide medical care.

You can pray for your doctors and nurses while allowing them to do their work.

Trusting God does not guarantee a particular medical outcome. It means bringing your fears and hopes to Him, even when you cannot know what lies ahead.

If you are unfamiliar with prayer, you can begin by asking Jesus to help you through the next few hours.

You do not need to feel completely calm.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, I am frightened about the treatment ahead. Please give wisdom and steady hands to the medical team caring for me. Help me understand what I need to know and speak up when I have concerns. Give me courage as I enter the procedure, comfort afterward, and strength for whatever recovery may involve. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

You can trust God, accept medical care, and still feel afraid.

Chapter 11: One Day at a Time

“This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!” ~ Psalm 118:24

When Every Day Feels the Same

Hospital days can feel strangely long.

You wake up, take medication, wait for meals, undergo tests, and wait again. Sometimes you cannot even remember what day of the week it is.

You may miss your home, your routines, and the freedom to do ordinary things whenever you wish.

It is easy to feel that life has been put on hold.

But even here, in this hospital room, your life is still happening.

And there may still be small moments worth receiving.

Notice the Little Things

Perhaps someone brings you a warm drink. A nurse speaks kindly. A friend sends a message. Sunlight enters through the window.

None of these things removes your illness.

But they can bring a little comfort into a difficult day.

Gratitude does not mean pretending that everything is wonderful. You can be thankful for a kind nurse while still wishing you were healthy enough to go home.

You can appreciate a visitor and still feel frightened about tomorrow.

Both feelings can exist together.

Give Yourself Permission to Enjoy Something

Sometimes people feel guilty about laughing or enjoying themselves while they are seriously ill.

But you do not have to remain miserable to prove that your suffering is real.

If something makes you smile, receive it.

Listen to music you enjoy. Read a few pages of a book. Talk with someone you love. Watch something funny if you feel well enough.

Rest when you need to.

A pleasant moment does not make your illness less serious. It simply reminds you that illness has not taken away every good thing.

Hope for Today

Jesus taught His followers to pay attention to today's needs rather than becoming consumed by tomorrow.

Perhaps you cannot plan your next six months.

But you can receive this afternoon.

You can ask for help, enjoy a conversation, or close your eyes and rest.

Some days will be harder than others. You do not need to force gratitude when pain or exhaustion overwhelms you.

There will be other moments.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the small kindnesses that reach me here. Help me notice moments of comfort without pretending that everything is fine. Give me patience on difficult days and gratitude when something good comes my way. Teach me to receive today as it comes. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

Even a difficult day can contain one small moment of goodness.

Chapter 12: Whatever Happens, God Has Not Abandoned You

“For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come ... will be able to separate us from God’s love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” ~ Romans 8:38–39

When the Future Is Still Uncertain

Perhaps you have reached this chapter without knowing what will happen next.

Your treatment may be continuing. Your recovery may be slower than expected. Perhaps the doctors have told you that some changes could be permanent.

You may still be frightened.

I wish I could tell you that everything will turn out exactly as you hope. But neither this book nor anyone else's words can guarantee that.

What I can share is the hope Christians find in Jesus.

God's Love Is Greater Than Our Circumstances

The apostle Paul wrote that nothing can separate believers from God's love in Christ Jesus.

Paul knew suffering. He experienced imprisonment, hardship, rejection, and danger. His confidence did not come from having an easy life.

It came from knowing Jesus.

Christians believe that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead, opening the way for us to be reconciled to God and receive eternal life.

This hope reaches beyond physical recovery.

Our bodies are vulnerable, and our earthly lives are limited. But Christians believe that death does not have the final word because Jesus rose again.

You Are Invited to Know Him

Perhaps you already trust Jesus. If so, remember that your illness has not placed you beyond His love.

Perhaps you are reading about Him for the first time.

You do not need to pretend that you understand everything. You can begin by reading about Jesus in the Gospel of John or asking a Christian you trust to explain what following Him means.

You can also speak to Him honestly.

Christian faith is more than finding comfort during illness. It is about coming to know the God who loves us and invites us into a restored relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.

That invitation is open to you.

A Simple Prayer

Lord Jesus, my future is uncertain, and I still have questions. Thank You for showing God's love through Your life, death, and resurrection. Help me understand who You are. Give me courage for the days ahead, and guide me toward the hope and peace found in knowing You. Amen.

One Thought to Remember

Whatever tomorrow brings, God's love in Jesus remains a hope you can turn toward.

Conclusion: You Are Not Alone in This Hospital Room

“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.” ~ Matthew 11:28

Before You Close This Book

Perhaps you are still lying in the hospital bed where you began reading. Your treatment may still be difficult, and tomorrow may remain uncertain.

I hope these pages have given you some comfort. More importantly, I hope you have felt free to be honest about what you are facing.

You do not have to pretend that you are brave every moment. You can ask questions, cry, rest, and accept help. Your fear does not make you less worthy of love.

You Matter Beyond Your Illness

A hospital can make life feel reduced to test results, medication schedules, and medical decisions.

But you are more than a patient.

You are someone with a history, relationships, memories, and hopes. Whatever happens to your health, your dignity remains.

Let the people who care about you come close. Tell your medical team when you need help. Allow yourself moments of laughter, quiet, or tears.

Take each day as it comes.

An Invitation to Jesus

Throughout this book, I have spoken about Jesus because I believe He offers hope that reaches beyond what medicine can promise.

He welcomed frightened and hurting people. He suffered Himself. Christians believe that through His death and resurrection, He opens the way to forgiveness, a restored relationship with God, and eternal life.

If you are curious, consider reading the Gospel of John. Ask questions. Speak with a Christian you trust.

You need not make a hurried decision because you are ill. You are welcome to explore who Jesus is with honesty and freedom.

If you wish, begin with a simple prayer:

“Jesus, I want to know You. Help me understand Your love and truth. Please guide me through this difficult time.”

You may still have a long road ahead. I hope you will have compassionate people walking beside you.

And whenever you are ready, you can turn to Jesus.

You do not have to face this hospital room alone.