

April 23, 2005  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

We pray for healing if it be Gods will. But the Lord is considering more than just a solution to our problem.

Spiritual growth can be gained from life's problems. Several things make this possible.

In Deut. 8, it mentions that the Lord allowed His people to hunger that he might test them. The benefits were that it humbled them, made them see what their heart attitude was really like. It enabled them to see that man does not live by bread alone. These are the trials of life that mature us.

So we keep our eyes upon our loving father who is leading us thru this wilderness of sin. Therefore, we do not question in our hearts and be tempted to ask why these things happen. The matter comes down to this question; can we trust His love to lead us all the way? There are many sources of trouble. But, the solution is the one that fits them all. The reason we roll our burdens upon Him in prayer is because he cares for us.

The only reason to look back over our life is not to have regrets of not doing this or that but to remember what the Lord did for us. If we think much upon vain regrets it can take our eyes off the Lord.

Self examination can be just as damaging. The great principle is that we worship the Lord who can do great things for us. This liberates our hearts in worship and labor for Him. We are accepted in the beloved as dear children. Not as servants that must produce a profit.

My hip and knee replacements are doing fine. My back is not. I do not know how bad it must get before they operate. I can walk about fifty feet until the pain gets unbearable. I must sit down after I preach. There is no pain while sitting. Thank the Lord. So day by day I find the sufficient grace of the Lord.

The matter for prayer is whether I should have back surgery at all. Please pray with me about this matter.

*Thanks very much for the March offering of \$50<sup>00</sup>.*  
I am very grateful for your prayers

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