



# Healing:

## The Covenant Strength

Different interpretations of the Bible

Here is my understanding: what is yours

Where is it written?

Different interpretations:

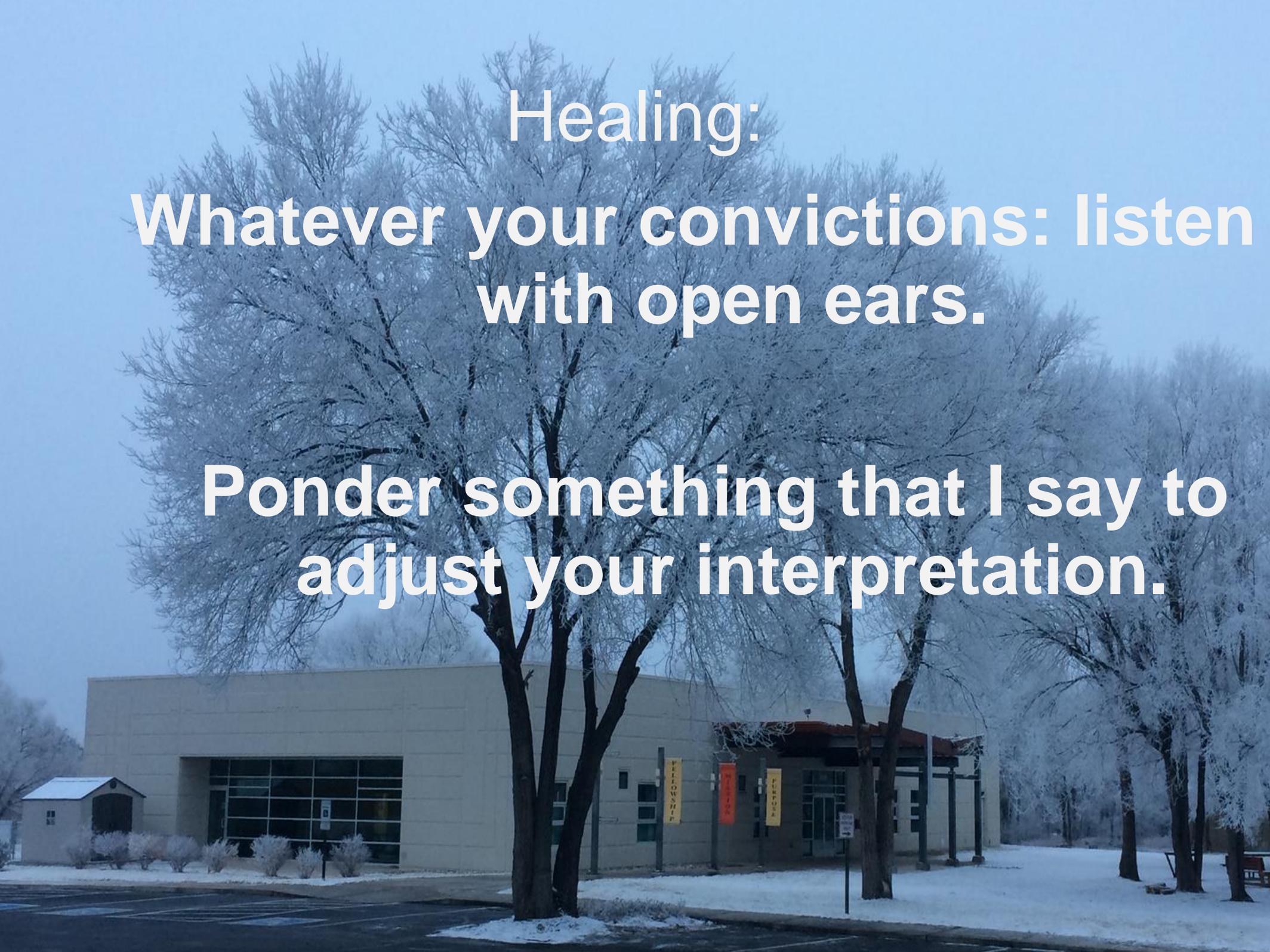
“God still shows Himself in “Signs and Wonders”

“God heals quietly”

“God heals through medicine”

“God no longer has an active role in healing”

“God heals those He chooses to heal.”



Healing:

**Whatever your convictions: listen  
with open ears.**

**Ponder something that I say to  
adjust your interpretation.**

# Healing: An Overview

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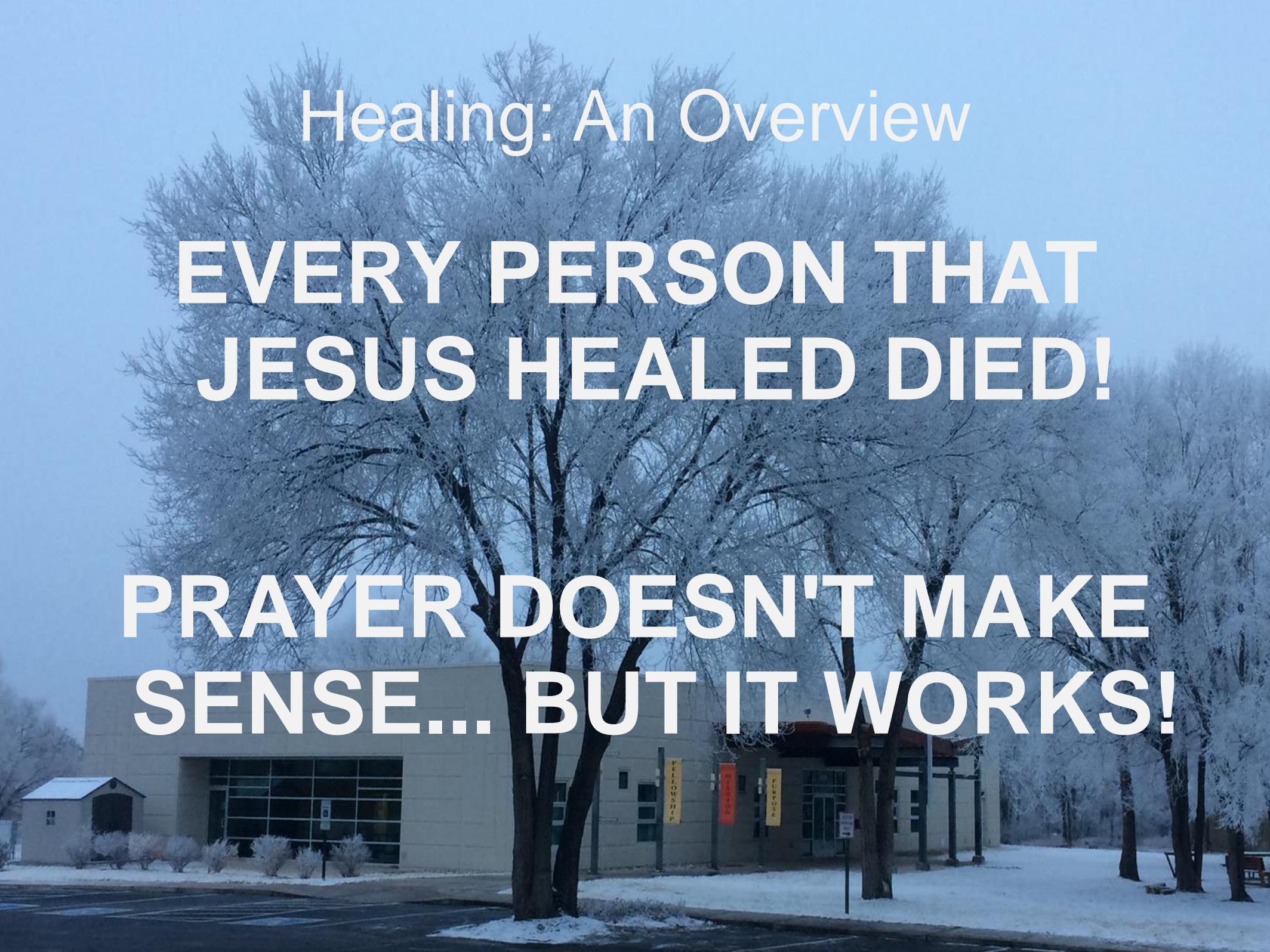
- Be careful about saying diseases come from the evil one: don't create a realm that God is not in control of.
- God has already designed the human body to heal itself;
- “redundancies” in the human heart

3. None of us like to get cheated

- Some receive bodies that are easy to keep
- Some receive bodies that are hard to keep

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4. There is an appointed time for each to die
5. Death is part of God's plan
  - The fall was not a surprise to God
  - Death did not come w/o God's foreknowledge
6. People are me-centered
7. All healing is only for a time



# Healing: An Overview

**EVERY PERSON THAT  
JESUS HEALED DIED!**

**PRAYER DOESN'T MAKE  
SENSE... BUT IT WORKS!**

# Healing:

## 1. Prayer doesn't make sense

- God already knows the future
- God asks us to pray
- God is somehow able to change future outcomes based on our prayer
- God is the great master mind
- Sometimes God changes the future based on our limited knowledge and requests.
- **PRAYER WORKS! PRAISE GOD!**

**2 Kings 20** In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord,<sup>3</sup> “Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.<sup>4</sup> Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him:<sup>5</sup> “Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord.<sup>6</sup> I will add fifteen years to your life. NIV

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# Healing:

## 2. Consider what God must be like!

- **Master creator**
- **Holds the cosmos in order**
- **Is concerned about every individual**
- **Wants us to pray**
- **Re-orientes the future around our prayers**
- **Periodically extends life beyond His plan**
- **Is concerned for you!**

# Healing:

**3. When God in Jesus walked this earth he healed!**

**Mk 8:22 And they \*came to Bethsaida. And they \*brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. 23 Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him “Do you see anything?” 24 And he looked up and said, “I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around.” 25 Then again He laid His hands on his eyes and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly. 26 And He sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.” NIV**

# Healing:

**3. When Jesus walked this earth He healed:**

**The man implored him!**

**Begged him**

**Jesus touched him and spit on him**

**There was a partial healing**

**Why?**

**too little faith?**

**too strong of an illness for the Son of God?**

**He touched him again.**

# Healing:

3. When Jesus walked this earth he healed:

We come to God and demand He do things our way

If we beg strongly enough, we might get our way!

What if what we are asking for is not the best for God's plan?

Mt 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup be taken from me."

# Healing:

3. When Jesus walked this earth he healed:

What if God had answered Jesus' prayer?

“Change the future!”

“Don't make me face this trial!”

Our Salvation would not be completed:

No crucifixion

No resurrection

No forgiveness

# Healing:

**The Power of “Thy Will be Done!”**

**God loves you!**

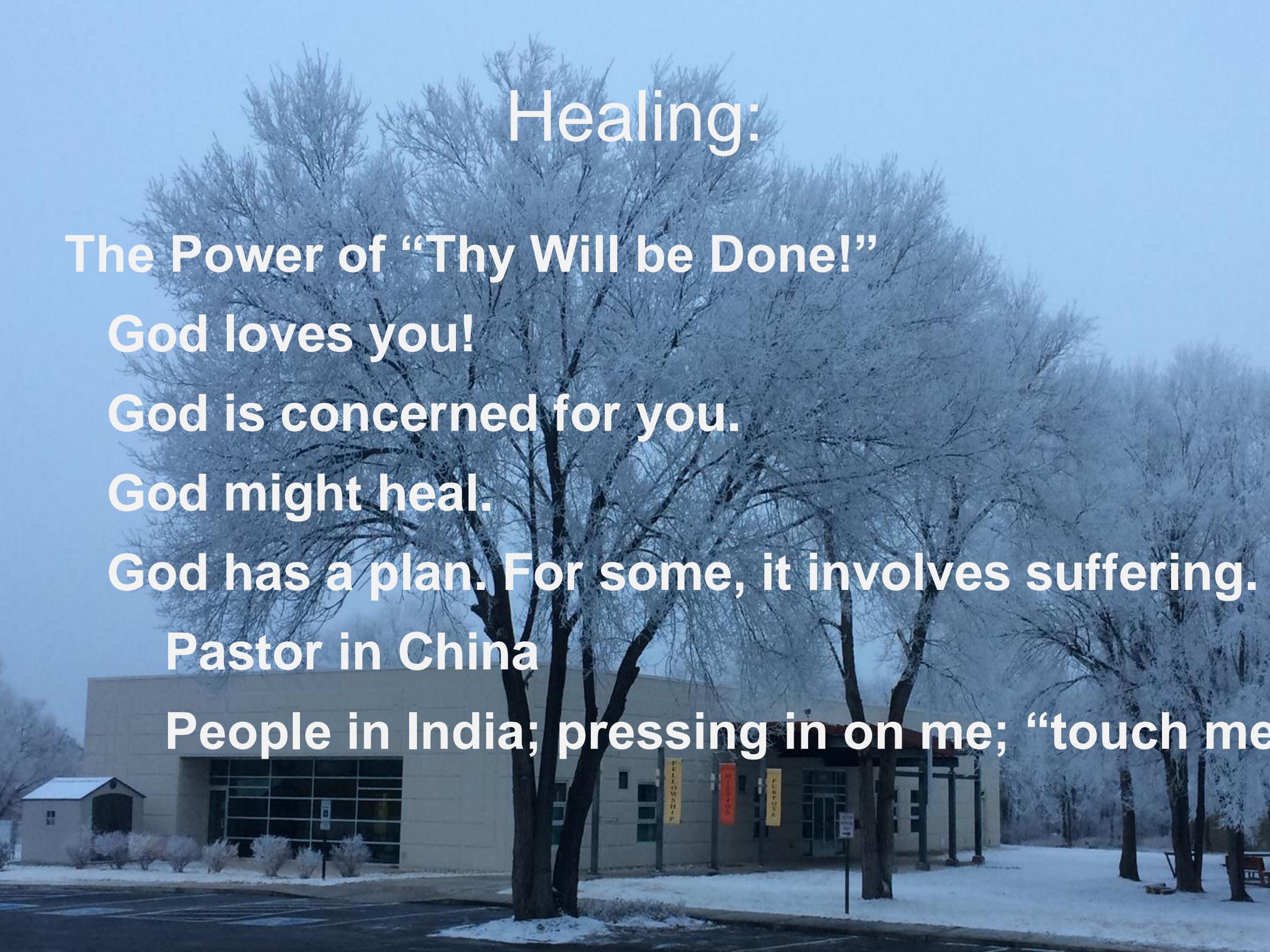
**God is concerned for you.**

**God might heal.**

**God has a plan. For some, it involves suffering.**

**Pastor in China**

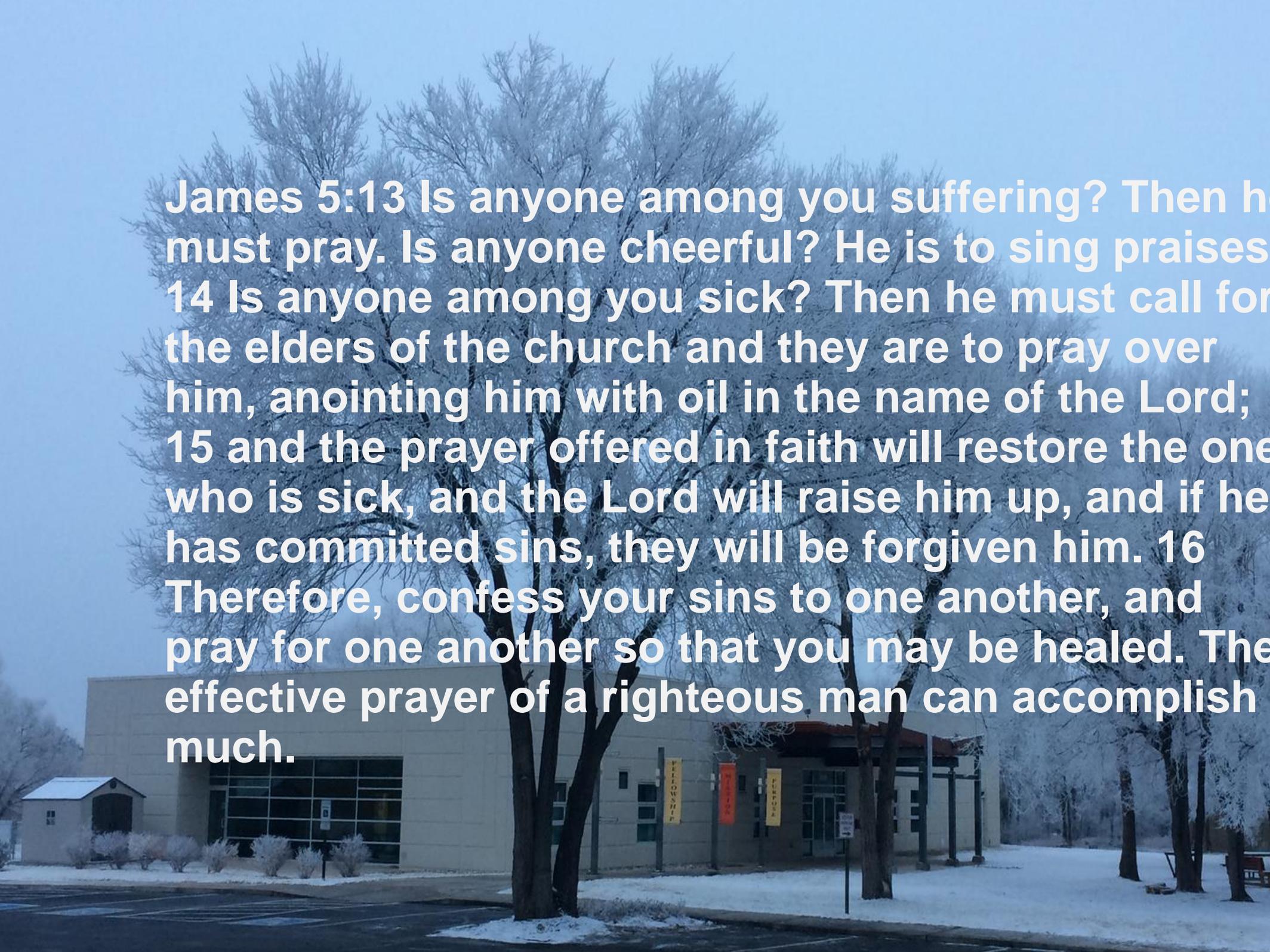
**People in India; pressing in on me; “touch me**



# Healing:

**4. The God of the Universe, who has everything planned out, tells us to pray for healing!**



A photograph of a church building in winter. The ground is covered in snow, and the trees are bare and frosted. The church has a large glass window and a sign that says "FIELDWORK".

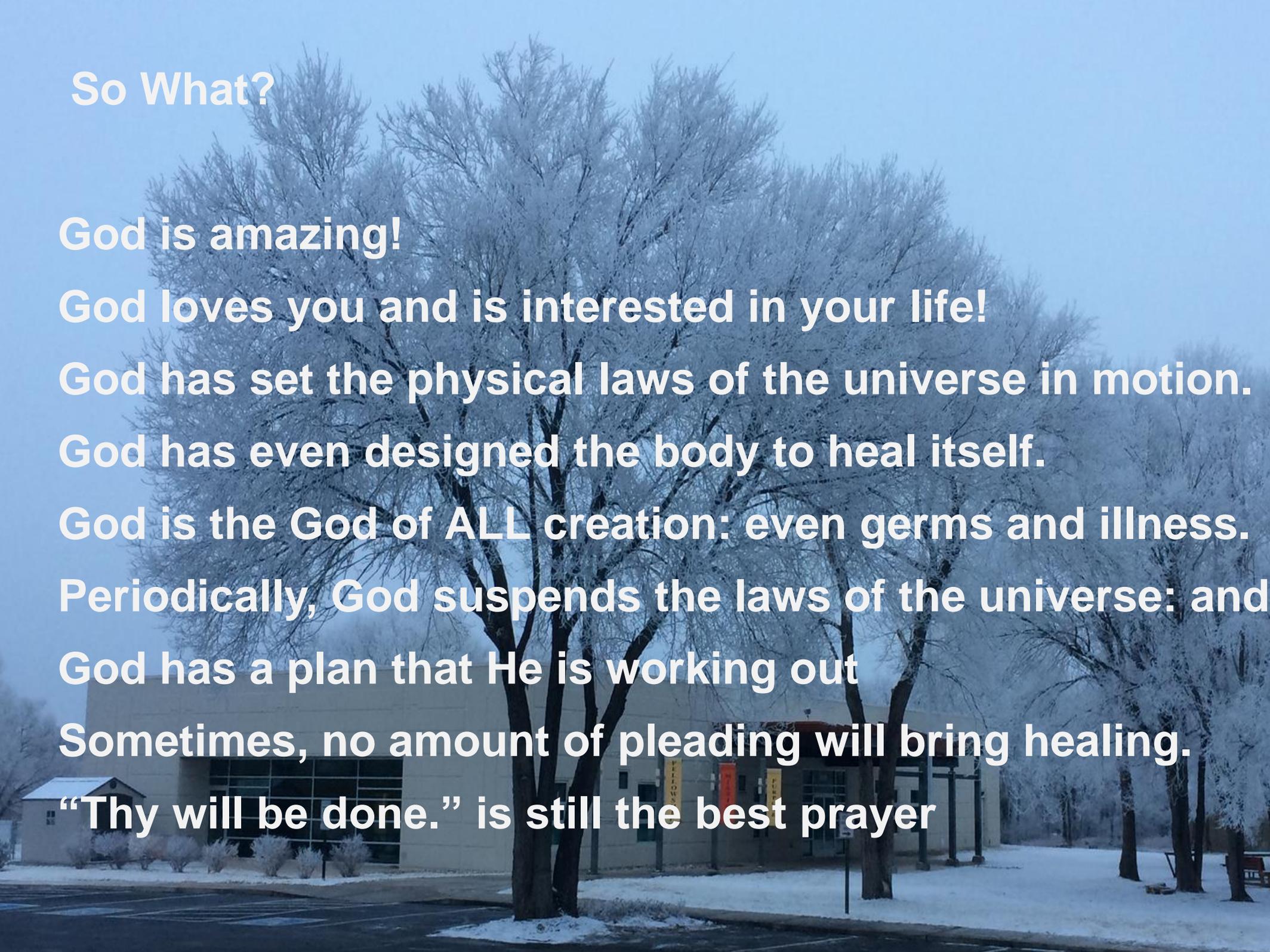
**James 5:13** Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.  
**14** Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;  
**15** and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. **16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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**Note verse 15 “and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.”**

**If God doesn't heal, it is not due to the grip of sin. Sin has been forgiven.**

A winter scene with snow-covered trees and a building in the background. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the ground is covered in a layer of white. A building with large windows is visible in the background, partially obscured by the trees. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

**So What?**

**God is amazing!**

**God loves you and is interested in your life!**

**God has set the physical laws of the universe in motion.**

**God has even designed the body to heal itself.**

**God is the God of ALL creation: even germs and illness.**

**Periodically, God suspends the laws of the universe: and**

**God has a plan that He is working out**

**Sometimes, no amount of pleading will bring healing.**

**“Thy will be done.” is still the best prayer**

