***Recap of the February 26, 2012 sermon (John 5:12-15):***

*(The source for the following material is the book Come Before Winter by Charles Swindoll)*

*The Five Suffering Laws (“These ‘laws’ will do more to help the hurting and erase their confusion than perhaps anything else they could read.”)*

***Law One****: There are two classifications of sin. (We are sinners by nature and by practice)*

*1. Original sin (the inherited sin nature) (Romans 5:12)*

*2. Personal sins (individual acts of wrong) (Romans 3:23)*

***Law Two****: Original sin introduced suffering, illness, and death to the human race (Romans 5:12) “In the broadest sense of the word, all sickness and suffering today are the result of original sin.”*

***Law Three****: Sometimes there is a direct relationship between personal sins and sickness. (Psalm 32:3-5; 38:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:27-30)*

***Law Four****: Sometimes there is no relationship between personal sins and sickness. “Some are born with afflictions—suffering before they ever reach the age of committing sins (John 9:1-3; Acts 3:1-2). Others, like Job (1:1-5), are living upright lives when suffering occurs.”*

***Law Five****: It is not God’s will that everyone be healed in this life. Some mistakenly claim that there is healing in the atonement based upon a misinterpretation of passages like Isaiah 53:5b (“by His wounds we are healed”). But this passage is talking about spiritual healing not physical healing. It speaks of healing from transgressions and iniquities.*