

## **Recap of 2/26/23 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 1:29-39)**

### **1. Chuck Swindoll's Five Suffering Laws:**

- There are two classifications of sin: original sin (the sin nature) and personal sins (individual acts of sin).
- Original sin introduced suffering illness and death into the creation (Romans 5:12).
- Sometimes there is a direct relationship between personal sins and sickness (1 Corinthians 11:27-30).
- Sometimes there is no relationship between personal sins and sickness (John 9:1-3).
- It is not God's will that everyone be healed in this life (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).

**2. Jesus, finding Peter's mother-in-law sick, heals her. The healing was instantaneous and complete. There was no weakness, no exhaustion, and no recuperation necessary. In fact, she immediately got up and served them.**

**3. Wm. Barclay rightly says: "But there is the beginning of a tragedy here. The crowds came, but they came because they wanted something out of Jesus. They did not come because they loved Him; they did not come because they had caught a glimpse of some new vision; in the last analysis they wanted to use Him....We must all go to Jesus for He alone can give us the things we need for life; but if that going and these gifts do not produce in us an answering love and gratitude there is something tragically wrong. God is not someone to be used in the day of misfortune; He is someone to be loved and remembered every day of our lives.**

### **4. Prayer and Jesus:**

- Prayer was essential to Jesus' life and ministry.
- Jesus showed His dependence on God the Father through prayer.
- Jesus spent time in prayer.

### **5. Prayer and us:**

- Prayer and ministry are both essential.
- Spiritual ministry requires spiritual strength (otherwise we might serve in the flesh).
- We must balance prayer and ministry (take time for each).

**6. "Do we believe that we can be effective in prayer? Prayer not only impacts us, but it also has an impact on those for whom we are praying. I don't pretend to know how God makes it all work, but somehow there are tangible benefits when we pray in accordance with God's will.... Prayer is one discipline you should never get tired of." Tony Dungy.**