

Daily Devotion For March 27, 2021

“Though his disease was severe, even in his illness he did not seek help from the Lord, but only from the physicians.” 2 Chronicles 16:12

Do you remember the cereal “Rice Krispies?” The advertisement went, “Snap, Crackle and Pop!” Yesterday as I was out jogging I heard a pop and a snap and tore my calf muscle. Fortunately I was jogging in the neighborhood nearby the Doctor’s On Duty” on Lighthouse and McCellan.

As the doctor, Michael Nielmeir was examining me, he said that he had a 3rd Grade teacher at Carmel River School named Mrs. Esaki. I asked if he had a Ms. Kodani as a teacher and he remembered that Marilyn was his first grade teacher and also remembered going on a field trip to Point Lobos.

At El Estero we are so blessed to have Dr. Cary Gota as well as Dr. Mary Ichiuji. They have both been a God send to help many in our congregation. Life teaches us that no one is immune from injuries. Injuries and sickness are an unfortunate reality of life. The question is how do you deal with your injuries and sickness?

The story of King Asa, found in 2 Chronicles 14-16 is an interesting one. His reign seemed to start well as we read that “Asa did what was good in the eyes of the Lord his God” (2 Chron 14:2). When the Cushite army threatened his people he cried out to the Lord beseeching Him: “Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you...” (2 Chron 14:11b) and God answered Asa’s prayers striking down his foes.

But something seemed to go awry in Asa’s life. In chapters 15 and 16 we read that God sent prophets to Asa to try to convict him of his sin, but it appeared that his heart had grown increasingly cold in his later years. This is the context of today’s key verse: Though his disease was severe, even in his illness he did not seek help from the Lord, but only from the physicians. (2 Chron 16:12b). This scripture does not seem to chastise Asa for seeking help from the physicians but rather that he did not seek help from the Lord. God had come through for Asa and all the people of Judah when Asa had turned to God, so why did he now fail to turn to God in his sickness?

Thought For Today: Thank God for physicians who are help bring wholeness and healing to our lives. Thank God that He is the great physician and healer.

Today's Prayer Focus: Praise God that He is almighty and can heal. Who can you be praying for that is in need of God's strengthening and healing touch. Continue to pray this weeks prayer fuel. Deo Volente.