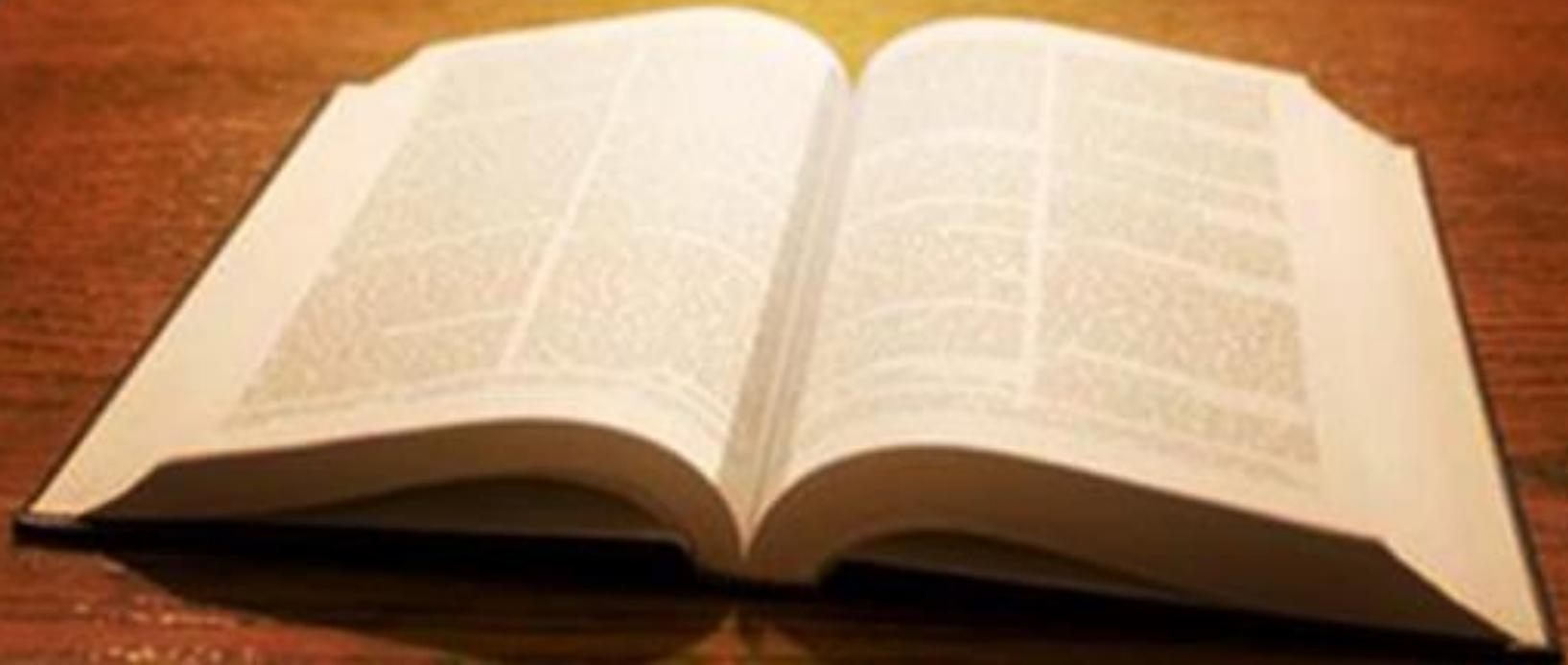


# THE SERMON

**“In **Sickness** and In **Health**”**



# In Sickness and In Health



**Often Used in Marriage Vows..**

***And Needed in The Rest of Life Too !***

# In Sickness and In Health

## Are Humans Healthier or Sicker?

Eccl.  
5:17

Great vexation,  
**Sickness** & Anger.



**World Life expectancy** has doubled in last 100 years from 30 to 67 yo.

“As a **World population**, on average we are far healthier than before.”

*Naomi Rogers, Yale.*

But the number of **American children** with **chronic illnesses** has roughly quadrupled in the past 50 years. *Life Science* May 4, 2009

*Why are Humans So Sick.*

# In Sickness and In Health

## Why is There Disease?



1. We live on a **cursed** earth (Gen 3:17; Rom 8:20) “Creation was subjected to futility.”

*2,000 microbes per sq cm in our bronchial tubes.*

2. People do **foolish** things.” (Ecc 9:3) ‘Insanity’  
Drugs, Drinking, HIV, Smoking, Poor Diet. No Exr.  
40% of premature deaths in US are preventable.

3. There is **genetic** time & chance. (Ecc 9:11)

4. **Satan’s** Plan. (2 Cor 12:7; Lk 13:16; Job 2:7)

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**Eccl. 12:1 Remember your creator in the days of your *youth*..**

# In Sickness and In Health



**Eccl 12:1**

**Before the days of  
trouble come  
*[declining health]*  
and the years  
approach when  
you will say,  
"I find no pleasure  
in them"—**

**NIV**

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**Eccles 12:2**

**Repeated  
illness.**

**v.3 Hands  
tremble.**

**v.3 Poor eye-  
sight, lose teeth.**

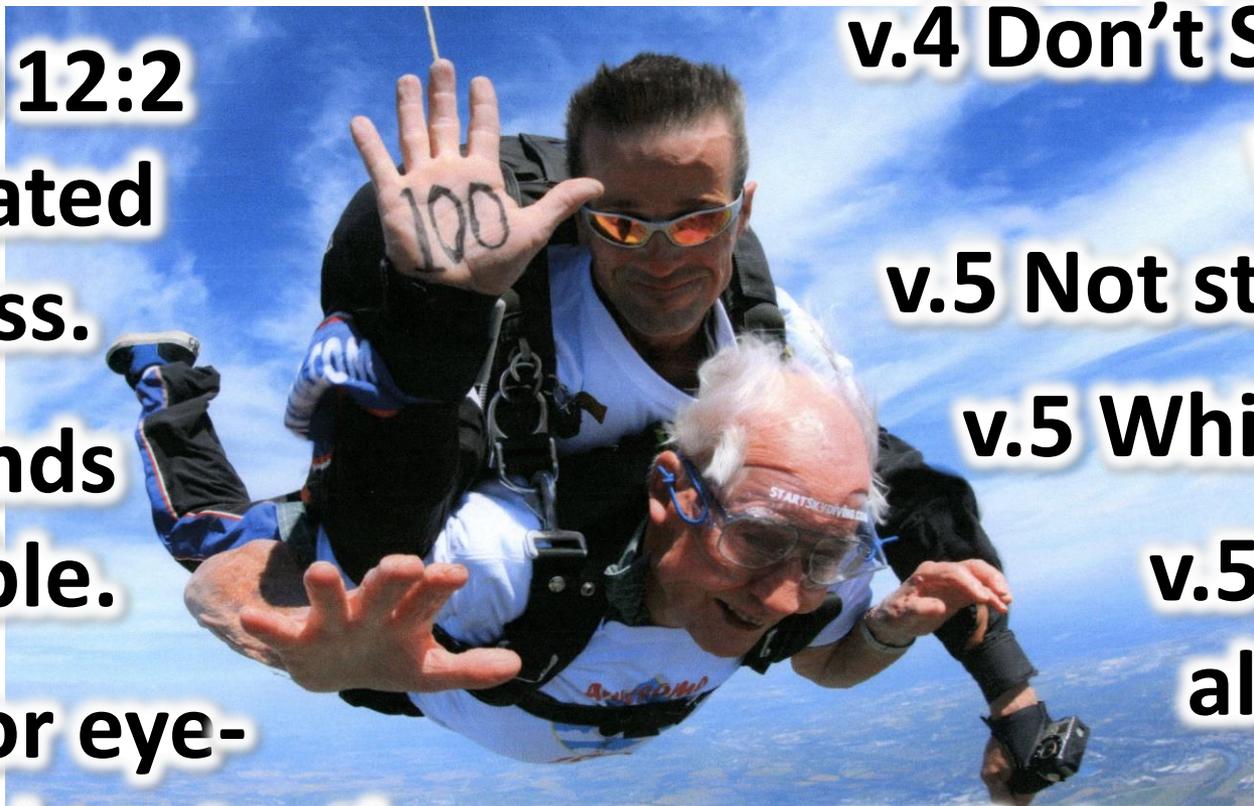
**v.4 Don't Sleep  
well.**

**v.5 Not strong.**

**v.5 White hair.**

**v.5 Drag  
along.**

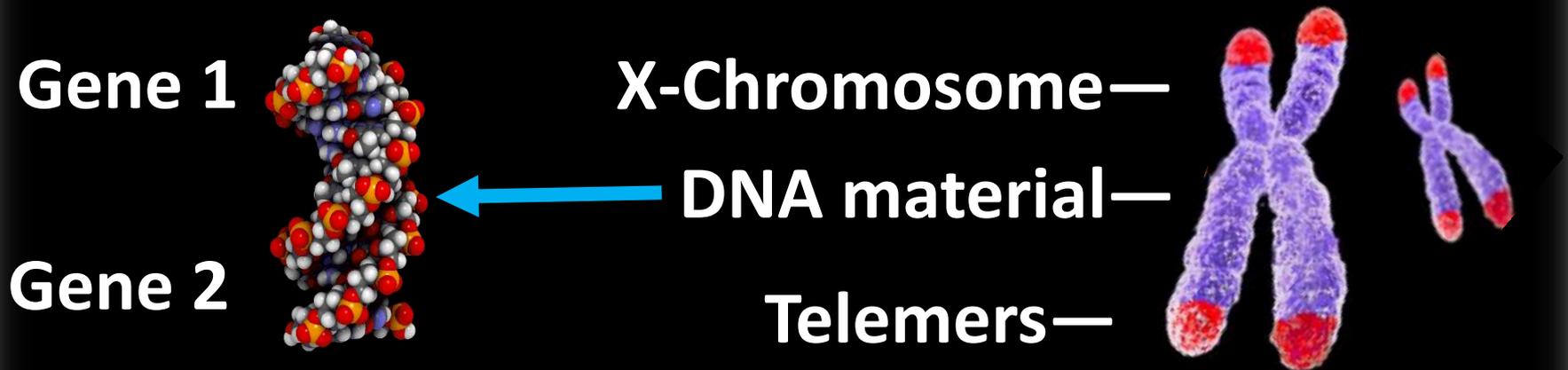
**v.5 Life is gone.**



**Clayton Strider celebrated his 100th birthday  
skydiving tandem in Middletown, Ohio.**

# In Sickness and In Health

Ps 139:14 I am fearfully and wonderfully made



**Telemers:** Non-genetic, protective caps that *shorten* with cell division and the loss increases with stress, aging, smoking, pollution & is involved in every known disease.

Each Cell Nucleus has the *Entire* Body Code

# In Sickness and In Health

## *How Do Folks React to a Terminal Diagnosis?*



They may react in different ways.

*It depends on many factors such as:*  
expectations, previous experiences,  
personality or if they have small children.

*Some are stunned ! Some not surprised.*

*Some are angry! Some deny the facts!*

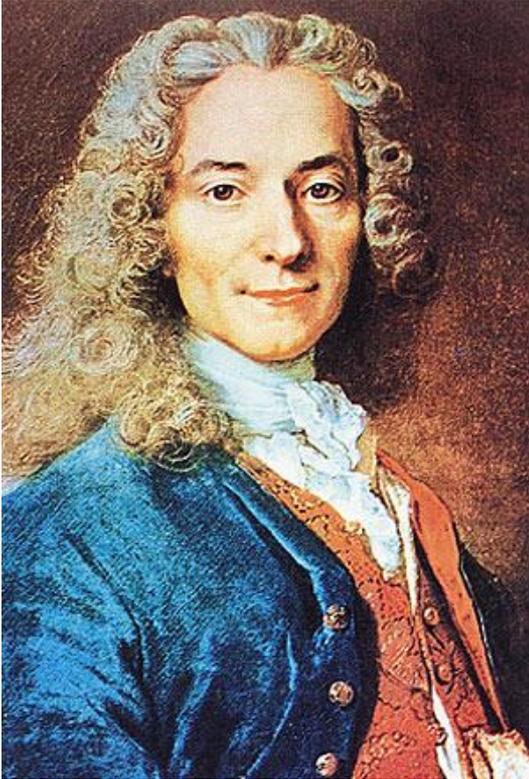
*Some feel Guilt. Sadness. Resignation.*

*Some actually say “Why Not me?”*

*Or thankfulness & calm acceptance.*

2 Tim 4:6 The time of my departure has come

# In Sickness and In Health



## **Voltaire: French Atheist**

**"I am abandoned by God and man! I will give you half of what I am worth if you will give me six months' life.**

**Then I shall go to hell, and you will go with me. O Christ! O Jesus Christ!"**

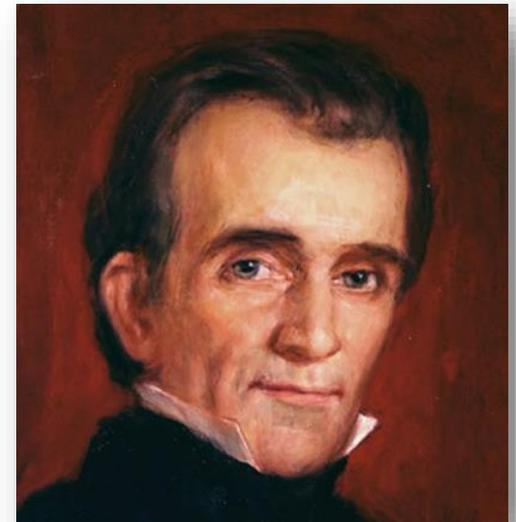
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*Joan Crawford d. May 10, 1977*

***“Don't you dare ask God to help me.”*** To her housekeeper, who had begun to pray aloud.

*James K. Polk, 11<sup>th</sup> US President  
d. 1849 “I love you Sarah. For all  
eternity, I love you.”  
Spoken to his wife.*



# In Sickness and In Health

**Hezekiah** (Isa 38:2)

He turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord, v3 and said...



"Remember now, O Lord, I beseech Thee, *how I have walked before Thee in truth & with a whole heart, & have done what is good in Thy sight.*" And wept bitterly.

**God** Isa 38:5 "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add *fifteen years* to your life.

# In Sickness and In Health



*Jerry MacDonald, evangelist.*

***Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma type B***

***His 1<sup>st</sup> Response: “Isn’t it GREAT..***

***I GET TO SEE GOD !!!”***

*Then had to think of his wife !!!*

*When doctors gave diagnosis last*

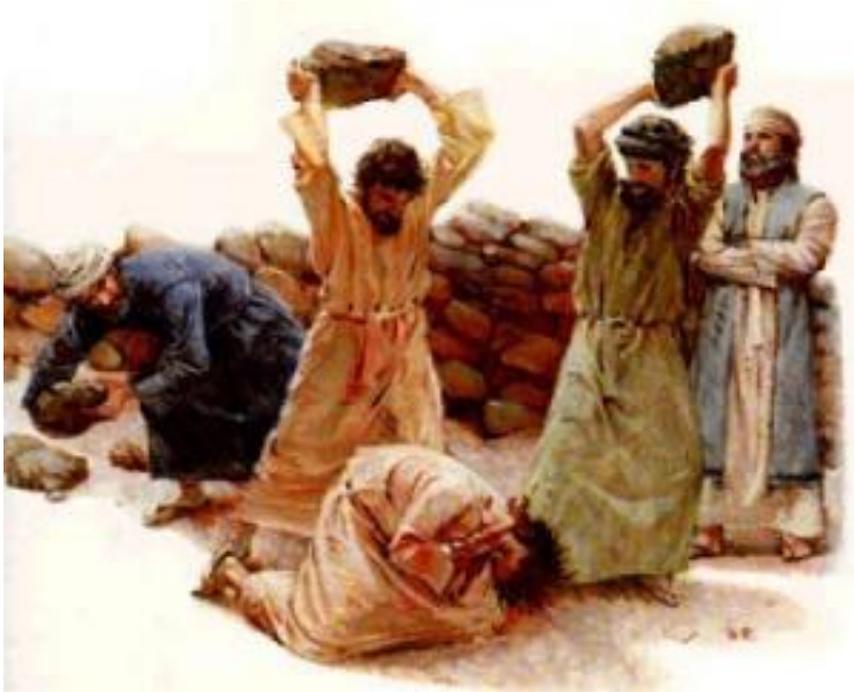
***Tuesday*** of 50% survivability with treatment...

***Jerry said: “Ok but I have to teach a class on Wed***

***& I’ll come back!” Docs like: “**Nope, that ain’t*****

*****gonna happen!”*****

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**Acts 7:59** “And they went on stoning *Stephen* as he called upon the Lord and said, “*Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!*”

**Acts 7:60** *And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!”*

# In Sickness and In Health



*Lowell Williams, evangelist.*  
***Diagnosis, Leukemia***

**When he found out the news that it was terminal —*it was like a burden* was lifted from him.**

***And it's going to be ok. I'm going to cross the finish line and it's going to be far better.***

**He still finds a way to laugh & enjoy life.**



**Eccl 12:13** “The conclusion, when  
all has been heard,  
is: fear God  
*and keep His  
commandments*  
because this  
applies to  
every  
person.”

For God shall bring  
every work into judgment,

Rejoice and  
share your  
joy with me  
Phil 2:18

# # 345 It Is Well with My Soul

A vibrant, lush green forest scene featuring a waterfall cascading into a river. The water is bright white as it falls, creating a misty spray at the base. The surrounding vegetation is dense and verdant, with various shades of green. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

**Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**