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book
of

living a practical and faithful
life through our actions and
deeds, rather than just a
faith of words alone

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**“Concluding
Exhortations”**

James 5:13-20

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**James closes his letter
with various exhortations.**

**Though simple and concise,
they pack an unexpectedly powerful
punch if we will act upon them.**



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Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise...

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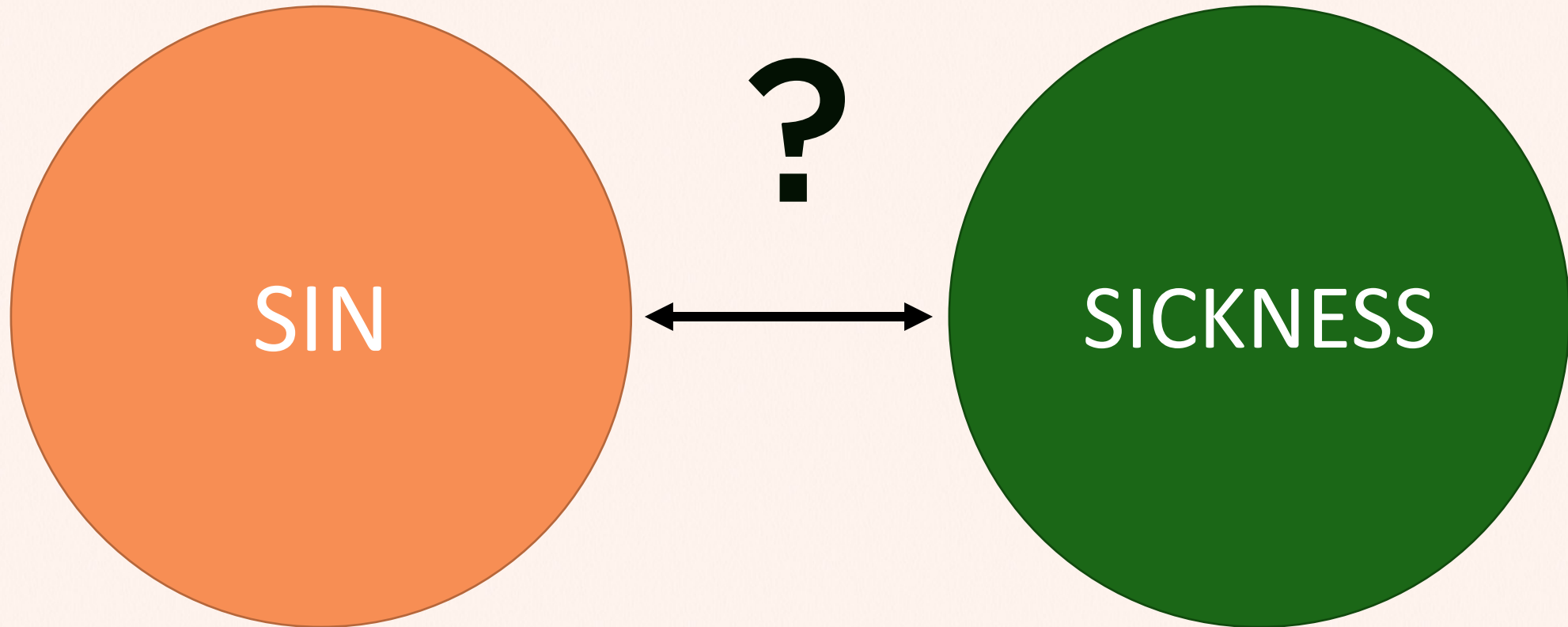
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James 5:13-15

...Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Correlation between 'Sin' and 'Sickness'?



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- **Job's Friends**



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And his disciples asked [Jesus], “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” (John 9:2)

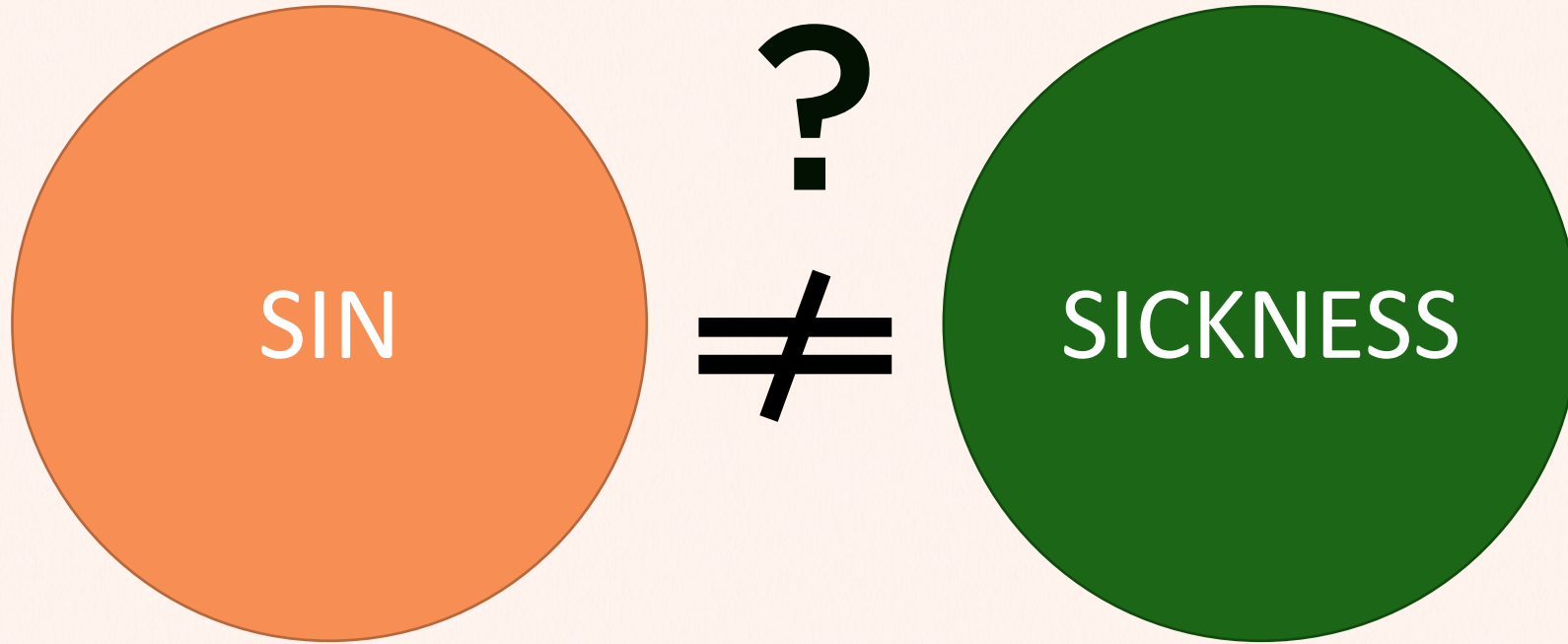
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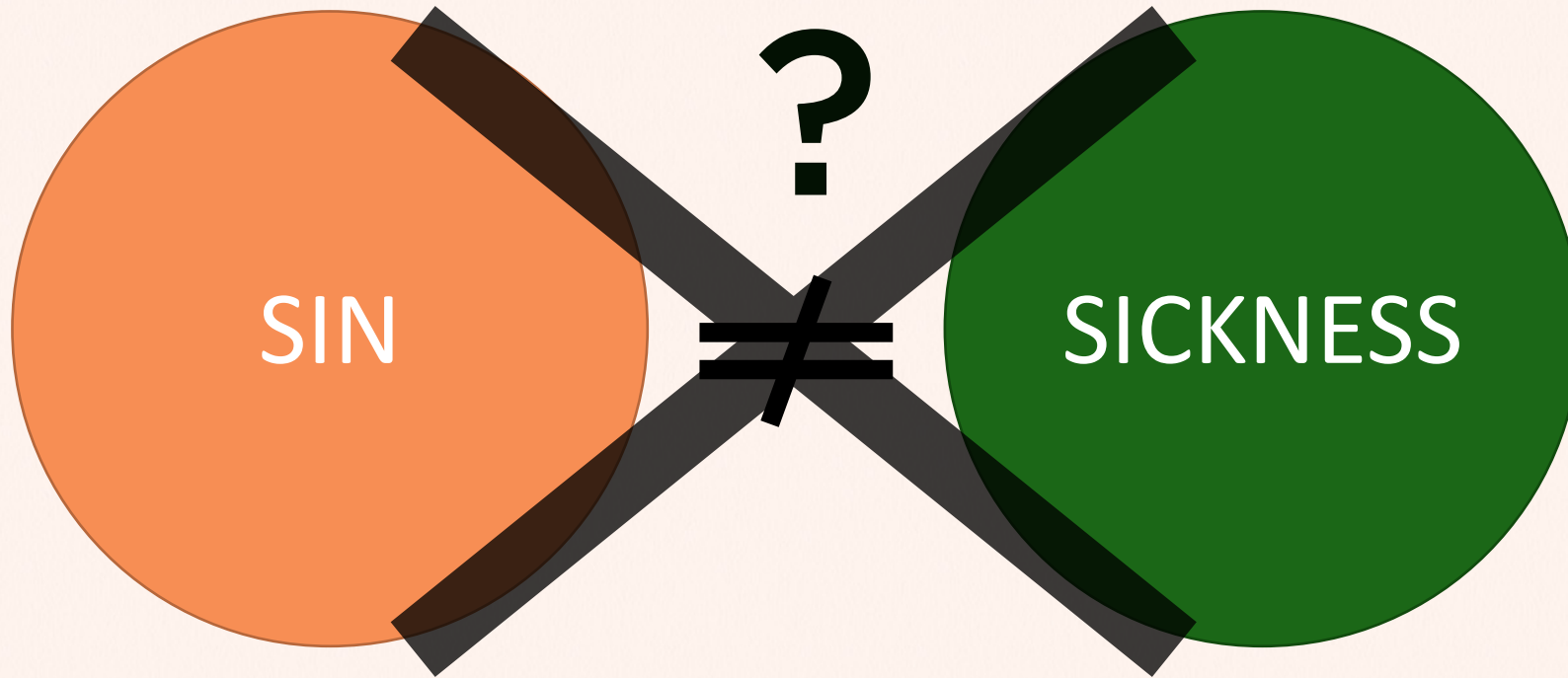
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Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”
(John 9:3)

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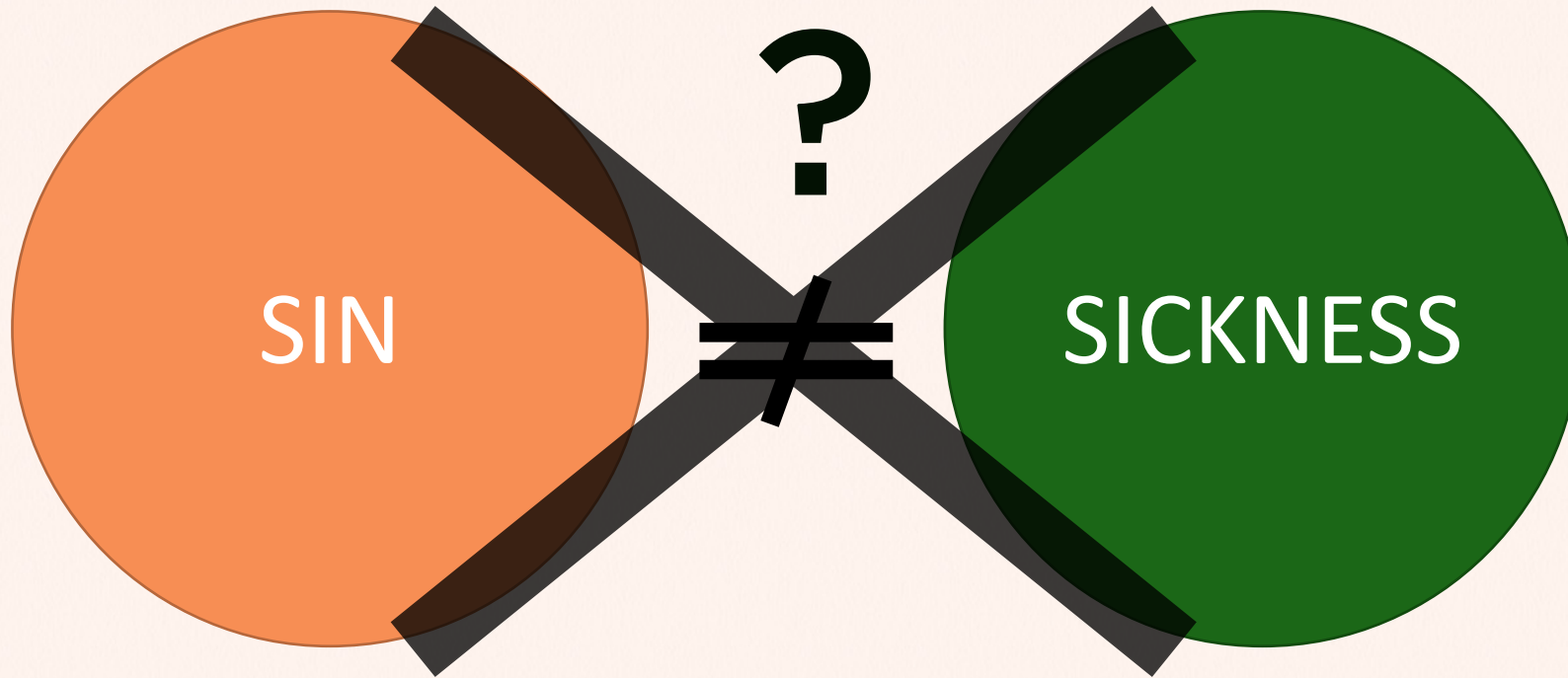


Paralytic

And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven...I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”

Mark 2:5, 11

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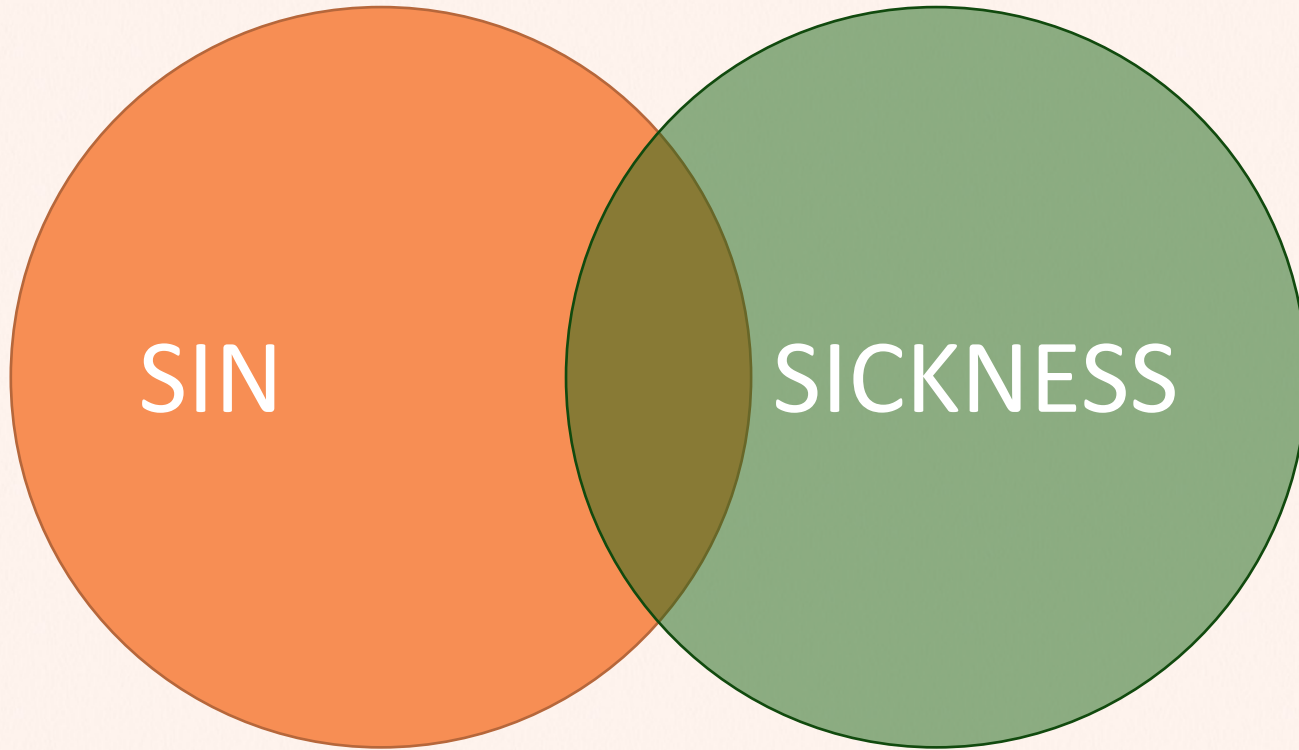


Some in Corinth

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty... That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

1 Corinthians 11:27-30

Sickness is sometimes related to
specific sin



James 5:15

...And IF [the one
who is sick] has
committed sins, he
will be forgiven.



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James 5:16–18

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working...



James 5:16–18

...Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

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God answers
prayer



God forgives sin



Therefore
confess



Proverbs 28:13

**Whoever conceals his transgressions
will not prosper, but he who confesses
and forsakes them will obtain mercy.**

Directed toward ordinary Jesus followers

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him...

Therefore, confess your sins to _____
_____ and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Directed toward ordinary Jesus followers

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him...

Therefore, *[everyone]* confess your sins to one another and *[everyone]* pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Implication: righteous person is a ordinary fellow Jesus follower

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



Example of powerful healing through ordinary praying person.

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James 5:16

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How have you blown it this past week?



James 5:19-20

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



- **Sufferer: PRAY**
- **Cheerful one: SING**
praise
- **Sick: CALL** for elders
- **Elders: PRAY** over sick
- **Everyone: CONFESS** your sins
- **Everyone: PRAY** for confessors
- **Wanderer-retriever: KNOW** the
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Share: Which exhortation did the Holy Spirit connect with your life?

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Pray: For one another to act upon it this week!

