

# When weakness comes: how illness can deepen our knowledge of God

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**What are the goals of this seminar?**

- To discuss our frailty and weakness in illness
- To consider the work of God in us and through us in illness
- How prayer and the word of God can help us in illness
- What happens when the carer gets sick
- How you can help others in periods of ill health

**What is illness?**

**What impact has illness had on your life?**

**In what ways does illness affect our walk with the Lord and our knowledge of Him?**

**The book of Job (a quick overview)** *Before the seminar read through the book of Job, use this space to write your notes. We will have a very brief overview during the seminar.*

## **Looking for the cause of illness**

**What is God doing in us and through us in illness?**

**What happens when the carer is sick?**

**How can you help others in periods of illness?**

**How prayer and the word of God can help us in periods of ill health**

## **When weakness comes**

## **Jesus loves me, this I know**

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me - loves me still,  
Though I am very weak and ill;  
From his shining throne on high  
Comes to watch me where I lie.

Jesus loves me, - he who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let his little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, - he will stay  
Close beside me all the way.  
Then his little child will take  
Up to heaven for His dear sake.

*Original written by Anna Bartlett Warner (1860) and tune added by William  
Batchelder Bradbury (1862)*

## Resources

### **Books**

- Job trusting God when suffering comes by Lydia Brownback
- I'm praying for you by Nancy Guthrie

### **Books in the Bible**

- The book of Job
- Psalms
- 2 Corinthians

### **Songs**

- How firm a foundation - Fernando Ortega
- Jesus loves me this I know- Original by Anna Bartlett Warner and William Batchelder Bradbury
- What a friend we have in Jesus- Fernando Ortega
- Christ my sure and steady anchor- Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Keith and Kristyn Getty





