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Week 3: "Why Our Wounds Don't Heal"
Jeremiah 30:12-17

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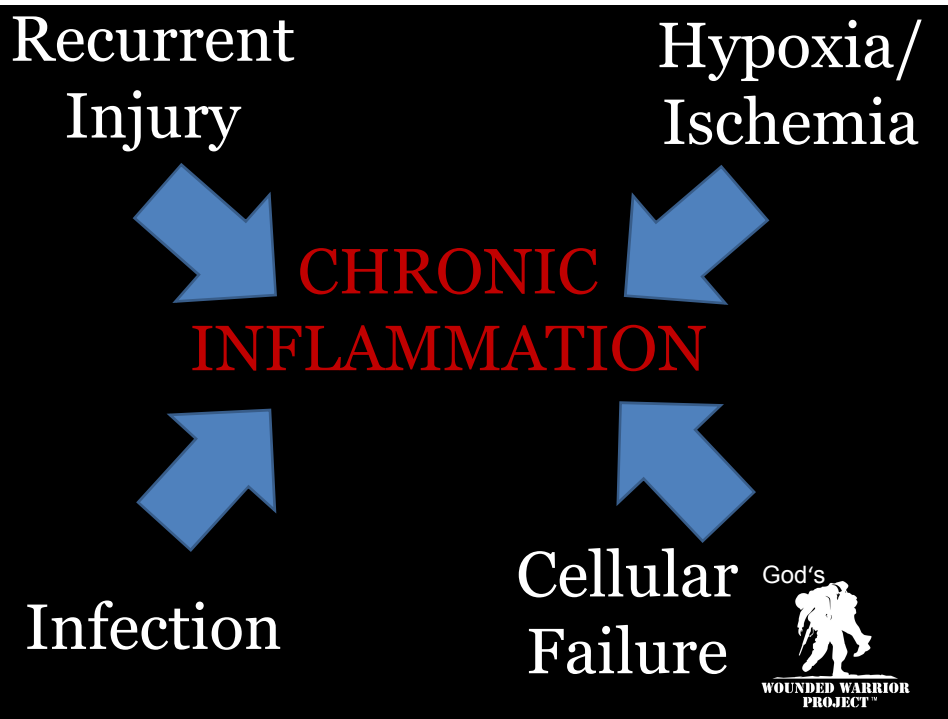
WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR

- Week 1: Memorials to remember what God has done and to give us Hope
- Week 2: Evaluating our wounds



DEFINITION

- HEAL: Cause to become sound or healthy again



JEREMIAH 30: 12-13

12. “For thus says the Lord:
‘Your affliction is incurable, Your
wound is severe.

13. There is no one to plead your
cause, That you may be bound up;
You have no healing medicines.



JEREMIAH 30: 14

14. All your lovers have forgotten you;
They do not seek you; For I have
wounded you with the wound of an
enemy, With the chastisement of a cruel
one, For the multitude of your
iniquities, Because your sins have
increased.



JEREMIAH 30: 15

15. Why do you cry about your affliction? Your sorrow is incurable. Because of the multitude of your iniquities, Because your sins have increased, I have done these things to you.



JEREMIAH 30: 16

16. "Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; And all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; Those who plunder you shall become plunder, And all who prey upon you I will make a prey.



JEREMIAH 30: 17

17. For I will restore health to you
And heal you of your wounds,' says
the Lord, 'Because they called you an
outcast saying: "This is Zion; No one
seeks her."



- Chronic Inflammation (Vs. 12)
 - The overall state of our condition
- Hypoxia/Ischemia (Vs. 13)
 - Not having enough of what we need to live
- Cellular Failure (Vs. 14a)
 - People and methods fail



- Infection (Vs. 14b)
 - All things beyond our control
 - Happens because we are vulnerable
- Recurrent Injury (Vs. 15)
 - PAIN



- There are many outside factors that affect our ability to heal (Vs. 16)
- Ultimately we have Hope (Vs. 17)



REMEMBER THE TOPIC : “WHY WON’T OUR WOUNDS HEAL?”

- Not that they Can't heal: They can
- Not that they Don't heal: They do
- Not that they Won't heal: They
WILL



2 KEY PRINCIPLES

1. God wants us to heal, He say He will.
2. He uses our wounds to make us healthy



HOW GOD USES OUR WOUNDS TO AFFECT US

1. To get our attention (C.S. Lewis: “Pain is God's Megaphone”)
2. To redefine or redirect our priorities (Haggai 1:4-11)
3. To draw us to Himself (2 Chron. 15:4)



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4. To discipline or correct us (Romans 13:24)
5. To Strengthen our faith (1 Peter 1:7)

(Randy Alcorn: “How stress affects us”)

