

To help facilitate question during the discussion time we have listed the bulk of the questions that have been asked at other conferences. It has been our experience that most groups have enough collective wisdom to answer these questions.

Church

How can the church effectively reach out to a family struggling with an addiction?

What do our junior and senior high student leaders at church need to do? What do they need to know relative to training, etc?

Communication

Do you recommend that families talk this openly about addiction?

As a sibling who knows of something, should you tell the parents?

How does your daughter feel about your honest and open way of talking about her addiction?

How do you keep the lines of communication open with an addicted daughter without enabling?

My husband is angry at my daughter for the pain she has caused and the money she has cost. He will not let me mention her name. If I do he goes on a tirade. I feel as though we cannot communicate and are distant. Is this normal? Will we work through this?

Denial

How do I help my brother who is abusing? How do I help him see that his family is suffering? No one is doing anything? What do I do?

Do you think that with denial comes more enabling as a way of covering up the truth that we know deep down? Do you think that deep down we know our kids are on drugs?

Is it important to talk about these problems as a family...or just with the abusing child individually? What do we do if our child is in denial?

Our son is in denial. He is 16. Do we force treatment or counseling on him?

What suggested disciplinary action should be taken for a teenager smoking pot? What action in school can be utilized (counselors, coaches, ministers, etc) to encourage being clean? How do you get Jesus into the child's life?

Do addicts really understand the problem?

Depression

How would you relate these truths about drug abuse to a child in depression with potential suicide thoughts?

Is there any link between drugs and depression?

Detachment

Please elaborate on “detachment.” Especially for mothers. What is it and what is it not?

How did Susan and you handle your anger along the way as you walked with Stephanie through her recovery?

How do I detach from my addict child, be sure I do not enable him and yet do more than just pray for him?

What is the first step to detach from your loved one?

Different Drugs

My daughter is afraid to ask you what the difference between speed and methamphetamine is? I hope that you will explain. Thank you

Please talk about marijuana. Is it addictive?

Is Methadone a solution to heroin addiction?

What does heroin do?

Can you talk about the greater strength of substances currently—is there greater risks to kids when they experiment?

What about other addictions? Are the patterns the same?

Education

Should I tell my kids my past relative to drug/alcohol abuse? Will they use it against me...”like, well you did it”?

What advice do you give your children when they say, “well, you used alcohol and drugs when you were young?”

What about generational curses regarding alcohol, drugs and other addictions? How to deal with it?

What are the signs? How do I as a parent know if my child is on drugs?

What can a parent do besides building relationships with our children to prevent the possibility of abuse?

What are the signs that someone is doing drugs? What is the best step to take when you find out?

Can you take a moment to speak to the children (12-16 years) of drug users and what they can do to protect/care for themselves? Thanks

I have a 21-year old daughter who uses marijuana. Her father has used/abused and is still addicted to marijuana. He has not used alcohol for 20 years and he was addicted to that. I have looked at the library and on the Internet for convincing material on the negative effects of pot but it seems that there is still a lot of conflicting research and information on the subject. In fact, it seems like there is more information that says pot is not so bad than there is that addresses the negative impact. Do you know any really good scientific books/articles on the subject?

Please explain the path from experimentation to use to abuse to addiction.

Can you explain the contract between parents and their kids that there will be no drug or alcohol use of any kind until the kid is 18 or out of the home? How is it worded?

Do I keep being in my child's face about the drug situation?

How do we teach our children healthy boundaries without instilling a sense of fear in them?

How important is it to establish the child's place as a private place? Why not establish from the beginning that you are going to be doing occasional checkups to keep the kid from hiding stuff in there?

What scripture references on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse do you recommend? How should you use this in your approach to help your children?

How do you relate social drinking to addiction?

Is it normal to have *pre-fear*? My kids have not rebelled, used, etc. but I fear the possibility. Maybe it is good because it encourages me to continue to pray—both in thanks and supplication.

Are programs like Tough Love and those that show young people offenders in jail and the consequences of poor decisions effective?

What are some tips for keeping your children (high school and college age) away from drugs and alcohol other than role modeling and open communication?

What would you suggest when the drug addict comes home and wants food? Would you allow the drug addict on your property?

Does addictive/abuse (3-4 generations) and heredity add to the child's risk?

What kind of preventative conversations can you have with a preteen (11,12 years old)?

My daughter who is 8 has 2 uncles who are addicts and her father is in prison doing a 45-year sentence for heroin. How can I be assured that she will not use or how do I explain this to her in the future?

How does a naïve parent know what to look for to know if their child is using drugs?

Please expand on the "AA ideal" that you are never "fully recovered"... "always will be an addict". That doesn't seem to be a part of "God's total healing power"... please explain.

Is every child equal to the possibility of addiction, or is there a DNA proclivity to the disease, like Diabetes? Can parents drink responsibly, party, when their children have a problem?

If you have one child who is more of a follower, do you need to pay closer attention?

Is "peer pressure" a reason kids use drugs?

How would you recommend being pro-active to avoid possible experiment or use of drugs?

What can I do to prevent my children from starting on drugs?

My daughter has brought her addict friends into our home. Do we allow our daughter in our home while she is using at holidays, etc? She has been using for ten years.

Enabling

Please address the subject of codependency. I find my mother is very codependent with my brother who is abusing. Plus, my mother gets angry because I am not codependent.

What is the best way to be supportive of an addict child without enabling?

How much tough love can a person give?

If your child is trying at this point, seeing help, going to Narcotics Anonymous meetings and waiting to get into treatment, should you help him out?

I suspect my children (13 and 15) are abusing alcohol. They both have hurts from divorce and distancing from the other parent. My 17-year old will be 18 before he graduates from high school. My husband tells me we just need to let him fall before he admits or agrees to seek help. How do I do this?

Our son is age 19, living at home with no job. We do not give him money. Is it “enabling” to allow him to continue to live at home when he is using? We do not allow him to bring any drugs or paraphernalia into the house? Also, is providing him a car enabling?

How do you handle the holidays? Gifts, time, etc.? Adult age 18 – 30

How do you show love without enabling?

Family Members Who Abuse/Are Addicted

My husband is an addict and does not want help. I have been praying for him for 26 years. My fear now is how this is affecting my five-year-old son and the marriage.

A member of my family is heavy into alcohol and drugs. There is no desire to give this stuff up. How do I handle my emotions about this?

If my husband has been using drugs for 25 years and he still doesn’t want help what do I do? I have left him or put him out but I feel guilty. I don’t know if this is what God wants?

Do your elderly (70–75) parents also have to hit “Rock Bottom” before they quit “enabling” their almost 50-year-old son and destroy the entire family?

I have a brother-in-law that is addicted to alcohol. He is 40. How can I help him?

I have a sister who recently got out of jail for drug use among other things. She has a 2 year old that our parents had raised during that time. She is now out and living on her own with the child. She gets very depressed! How can I help and lead her to the Lord and helping her stay sober?

What do I do with parents that drink too much? I’ve brought it to their attention. But it seems that anything I say doesn’t matter.

How do you deal with your extended family that is entrenched in the negative patterns that drug use brings? In this case, the addict is still using, the parents are in denial and make excuses, enable, etc.

I am a sibling of a heroin addict. Both my sister and her husband are addicts. What advice do you have for my other siblings and me? And, what can we do to help our parents deal with this? My sister and her husband have three children. We are very concerned and worried about the kids. What do you do when the addicts have children?

I have a brother who is an alcoholic. He first used as a young teenager. He is an attorney. He was clean for 18 months but has started drinking again. How do I approach him as a Christian?

My ex-husband is currently serving time due to drugs. How can I help my teenage children understand?

Our oldest child is an addict. What do we do or how do we teach our younger children to deal with the anger of having a sister that started using at the age of 24? She has five children and has walked away from them because of drugs.

Friends

What steps can you take when you find out that your child's friend is abusing drugs or alcohol?

How do you heal the rift with your children over your being open with the parents of your child's friends?

How do you stay away from friends who use?

What suggestions do you have to help parents approach the parents of other kids who you think are using?

How do you deal with parents who serve kids alcohol in their homes?

I am a single mother. My son is 15 and has no problem with drugs. One of our friends is a single parent with a 15 year old son whom we have known since our sons were 2. Her son got on drugs and she sent her him to a drug rehab center. He is back now and has been clean for 4 months. My question is: how do I allow my son to socialize with him? I feel he really needs to have support from my son and me. His mom still seems to be in denial?

What do you do when you are aware that a friend's children/child are using and the parents do not have a clue?

How do you help a friend who has a problem?

How do you help a close friend with drugs but still be supportive to get help and not seem judgmental?

How do I confront teenage friends with their smoking problems?
(marijuana and cigarettes)

How do I talk to a friend about their drinking problem?

Grandparents

What can you really do or how can you handle it when the grandchildren are living in a home where both parents abuse alcohol and "bombs" drop there daily and neither parent will go for treatment or stop drinking?

My husband and I are raising our 8-year-old granddaughter while her mother is living her life out with a man and his three daughters. My daughter admitted using marijuana but doesn't admit other drugs, How do you tell grandparents when you know this may be upsetting that other grandchildren may be lying to them and stealing from them?

How can I as a grandmother use tough love?

My granddaughter has been an abuser for (known) 3 years. The parents (Christian) refuse to accept that their past problem with drugs and reasons for doing drugs have never been dealt with. The barrier is strong between my grandchild and them because of this denial. How do I convince them they must deal with their own issues to break the barrier so they can help their child?

How do I react to my 6-year-old granddaughter? We raised her from ages 2-5 years. She has been with her Mom one year. I worry about her. My husband always puts down my daughter and makes her feel low about everything. How do I react to his "I know all – do as I do" attitude? (He has been sober 19 years)

My grandson has been at a rehab center. Both his mother and father are dead. He was an honor student in high school and had a full scholarship to college. He went for two years then drugs and drinking took over. We are in touch and I do have a phone number to reach him. The last talk on my birthday he told me he is working at this church with the youth. It seems like he has turned his life over to the Lord. But, he has lied to me so many times I have a hard time believing anything he tells me period. His brothers and sisters are waiting for him to call them. I try not to ask too many questions. He knows that I love him very much. I pray for him each day. Do you have any more suggestions on how I can help?

How do we give a daughter-in-law, who is 45 years old, has four children ages 10-22, and is in severe denial about drug use by her oldest the information you have given us this weekend?

Does a Grandparent have a right to approach a grandchild about drugs?

I know you have to practice tough love with your loved ones when they are in a drug-abusing situation. But my question is: Is there a case when you can use too much tough love? How do you protect your grandchild (23 months) when you have to have tough love on your own child

I have had to call Child Protection Services to have them take my grandchildren because my daughter, their mother, is using drugs and was not taking care of them. Now, my daughter will not speak to me. Do you have any advice for me?

What do you do about a situation where your children are married to abusers who refuse to get help and there are grandchildren involved?

We have raised a granddaughter for 20 years without financial help. She just graduated from college. For 11 years she was in special education. She was a cheerleader in high school and junior college. She was on the swim team and played water polo in high school. Her mother was never around but did see her graduate from college. At the time we took her into our home our city would rather have put her in a foster home rather than live with grandparents. There can be jealousy in the family with other siblings and grandchildren. It can be very difficult and can hurt. We are quite proud of our grand daughter but her body says it. She wants us to leave her daughter with her several hours a week at her “home,” where strangers come and go from their home and jail. I do not like it, but I am struggling with refusing the visit. My husband and I are in conflict. We want her to come to our home. Is it enabling to do it her way?

I have four young grandchildren. Can you speak to the early signs to watch for if a child is in trouble?

I am raising my 16-year-old grandson. My daughter is a cocaine addict. I have not had contact with her for 14 years. I have had my grandson since he was six months old. He wants to meet his mother. I am frightened to allow them to meet. What should I do?

Intervention

What do they call it when family gets together with addict and then tell how much they love them and try to get them into rehab? How does that work? Can it be done?

You discover your child is using as a 15 year old. At this point, do you wait for them to assume responsibility or how do you love them and help them?

What would you have done if your daughter had not agreed to go to rehab?

Do you believe in intervention? Is it possible to do a successful intervention on someone who has not hit bottom and appears to be having a good time?

Kids Being Asked To Leave The House

My son is in jail for drug use and drug related crimes. He wants to live in our home when he is released. How do I handle the guilt of saying “no”? How can I help him the most?

When a child is only 16—what can we do to get him to realize that the road of drugs and alcohol only lead to a dead end? Is putting restrictions on their freedom—ie, their license, their weekend, social life—appropriate?

Kids Lying and Cheating

Why does my daughter act as though she hates me so much when I try to help her? What can I do to help her without hurting both the relationship and us?

What is the first thing you say to your child once you have found out?

Knowing What To Do

I have a comment about the physical stress on families. My husband is diabetic and takes his blood sugar count daily. Stress affects his sugar and his sugar count goes up when things are going badly with our son. When my husband says, "our son is killing me" it is literal.

I think my husband may be using marijuana again. He is an unbeliever and we have very poor communication. What would you suggest I do?

Have you ever found a person addicted from actually needed pain medications? This has been a fear for me.

It is so scary to let go of someone you love so much. Do you have a Bible verse to address this?

If my children used drugs will my grandchildren become users?

If drug addiction is caused by a real or perceived pain can the pain be dealt with before the addiction or need they become sober first? How does one convince the child that the drug made the pain and life worse?

If the family has a history of emotional issues, depression for example, are those kids are greater risk?

If kids are allowed to be rebellious in dress and or music, are they more or less likely to use drugs to rebel?

Is setting boundaries as a parent difficult? Why don't I see immediate results in my addict child's life once I set those boundaries?

What steps should a parent of teenagers do when they know their child is occasionally using pot? What about drug testing?

When dealing with mentally ill children who use drugs, how is the treatment or our role different?

What advice would you give a parent who is starting to see signs of H-A-L-T in their young daughter (elementary age)?

What do you do when you have no sense your child is tempted by drugs...so as not to make them think you distrust them?

I am afraid that tough love could make this person commit suicide.

Do you have any suggestions to help kids fight the peer pressure around them? How do they stand firm and resist when all they hear is kids talking about partying?

My husband died of heroin overdose and I am a nicotine user (about ½ pack per day). My son is 8 1/2 years old. His father died when he was three months old. Do I need to be more aware than the norm?

How can Christian parents not be so “stupid” if drug users are so “good” at hiding it?

I love my son however, he states he is smarter than everyone and will not get caught. We are seeing a Christian counselor but he still is smoking grass. What can I do? Please help.

We need help helping our children. How do we start? Just today we threw out our 18 year old...cleaned and removed his bed from his room.

I came tonight for preparedness. My children are ages 10 and 12 years and are not using drugs. I wanted to know how to handle things if the issue were to arise. As a side note, I used drugs experimentally as a teenager. Am I to be honest about this with my children?

We recently discovered our 17-year-old son is using marijuana and alcohol. This Friday night he called to tell me that he was drunk and did not want to drive home. But also, he would not tell me where he was so I could pick him up and take him home. What can we do for our son to change the direction he is headed?

My son will be 18 next month but is still a senior in high school. If he comes home with alcohol on his breath or appears he’s been drinking? What do you do?

How do you know if you’re an addict or not?

My son says he is born again and he reads his Bible. But he is addicted to drugs. His drug dealer friend says he is also a believer in Christ. They discuss the Bible. The drug dealer says his calling is to reach drug dealers. Therefore, he uses and sells in order to reach dealers for Christ? What is your opinion of this behavior?

I have a hard time thinking and saying, “When you get clean, I will be a part of your life. But until then I will have nothing to do with you.” Will you comment on this, please?

The parable of the lost sheep says go out and find him and bring him home and rejoice. If I do nothing other than trusting in God, how am I doing what the bible teaches? Please comment on a child’s attitude where all we parents do or say is “stupid” including household guidelines.

One Day At A Time

Even when one’s child goes through recovery and is doing well, how does a parent deal with the pain of lost dreams that can never be recouped for that child?

Aside from physically taking your daughter to the hospital, what was the most important thing you did to help your daughter in her recovery?

I know intellectually my children's choices are their choices, not mine. I still wrestle however with second-guessing and feel guilty. What are some helpful steps to help my feelings of guilt to line up with what I know intellectually is true?

How do you get rid of the fear of wondering that no matter what success you see and my child has been clean for one month, you still see drugs, dealers, gangs, etc. in your mind? I just cannot get past the past.

If you had it to do all over again, what would you change in your family life?

When does parental concern become pestering?

Overdose

How do you respond to a person whose child has died as the result of an overdose?

My 18-year-old son died 8 months ago due to prolonged prescription drug abuse. He continued to be an honor student, work a job 6 days a week and receive his Eagle Scout award. We were totally blinded by this. We have a 16-year-old boy and 10 year old boy at home. What do we do now? We are all an emotional mess. I am scared for my other children.

I have been told that losing a child to overdose is worse than losing a spouse. If it is a spouse you do not have a shoulder to cry and lean on. I can see this in a drug problem.

My sister died of a lethal dose of morphine on Mother's Day given to her by her long time lover. My question is as a family, how do we deal with moving on? We have been frozen in time since he died.

Relapse

What about relapse?

A concern of mine is if a child is sent to rehab but not wanting to be there. I can only help to think they may learn more about other drugs to use or meet worse friends than they had before. Is this being realistic or afraid?

How many times do the addicts have to hit bottom?

My kid is trying very hard but keeps relapsing. What should I do? Is he sincere about sobriety?

Have you help or knowledge re: a person that stays clean for approximately three months and then falls. We have asked our son if there is something that would trigger this and he really does not have an answer.

How can you help a child/teen understand when it is a parent with a relapse problem?

I don't have a question. My kid is not an addict but my 45-year-old boyfriend has relapsed and scared me terribly with his delusional behavior. I came to learn more.

Is a recovering heroin addict realistic to think he can smoke dope or occasionally take a drink and be safe?

One year of sobriety for my daughter—my concern is that the addict in her might go back out. She stays on good behavior and does and says what she knows I want to hear. What symptoms do I need to look for?

Do you have any statistics on crystal meth addicts and relapse rates?

Should I drug test random after successful rehab – with signs of relapse or feelings that he's using? Does this send a message of not trusting?

Spouse

How did Susan and you help each other—specifically, through your process of helping your kids?

My 17-year old son lives with his father because my husband and I would not tolerate his drug use. His father, my ex-husband, does not think our son has a problem. Our son has been stealing, has been caught and has been told by the judge that he must go to Alcoholics Anonymous. What can I do?

My husband and I are not in this together in the sense that he continues to bail out our adult son from jail, cover bounced checks and allows him to live at home, pays his car insurance, etc. It is driving us apart. What can I do to help him see the effect of his enabling...on both my son and me?

Step Children

What do you do when the biological parent wants to ignore the drug abuse and the step parent (me) wants to keep communication and contact open?

If you have a stepchild who abuses alcohol and you do not want them to stay in your house, how do you get the child's mother to agree? The child is near 30.
What about the effects of drug use on step parents? The emotional, legal, non-biological connection, i.e., you are not my dad/mom.

I have a 23-year-old addict who lives with his mother who is also an addict. How can either one of them ever get help? They feed off each other for excuses to use.

Support Groups

I am glad you spoke highly of support groups. As an unbeliever, going to Alanon, I began hearing things about God, and became willing to listen. In God's great mercy, it was not even six months before I began to believe in God and eventually Jesus Christ. This was eleven years ago.

Do I need to be in Alanon? Naranon?

Are there any Christian (evangelical) support groups for drug/alcohol abuse? If not, should we start one in our church? How do we overcome the desire to keep our problems secret? Who would be qualified to lead such a group?

How do Nar-anon and Al-anon differ? Our son is in recovery from drugs and is in Narcotics Anonymous and I go to Al-Anon.

I find value in my support group for parents but I cannot say the name "Jesus Christ" as my Higher Power. What should I do?

Please say more about addict logic and developing discernment to detect the lies.

AlaNon is a group of people who help parents and grandparents to understand more about this. Please tell us more about the group.

Between my wife, and me if we cannot agree, should one of us go to a support group?

What is NarAnon, the support group you are talking about? How do we find out about it?

What suggestions do you have to help your child get to NarAnon or AlaNon?

Suspicion

If you suspect drug use, how do you ask your child to get an honest answer?

My child exhibits all the symptoms of H-A-L-T. (*Hungry-Angry-Lonely-Tired are often the impetus for using*) Does that mean she is definitely at risk? Is this a normal teenage thing?

How do you deal with someone who says they are not addicted and you cannot tell if they are using?

Did your daughter's addict logic ever betray itself in other areas—as a sign, tip-off to the problem. Do you think addicts can contain their addict logic and therefore deceive longer and better? Or, is there a way for parents to spot faulty thinking as a potential indicator?

How do you deal with an addicted child when your spouse is in denial over the addiction?

Is it possible to get kids turned around before they become addicts or hit bottom? If you become aware they are dabbling in drugs or alcohol?

What are the physical signs to look for in alcohol abuse? How do we deal with anger that seems to come from a sense of rejection based on race?

What about schoolwork? Do I make an issue of drug use if they are not failing, skipping class or in “daily use” of drugs? What should I focus on?

What are the first warning signs of rebellion leading to drug use we should look for?

Since deception on the part of the addict is often stronger than the parents’ ability to discern, what things do you look for in detecting a possible drug problem?

My son is stealing money and is lying to me? Could he be addicted to drugs? He is diabetic. I would have thought that he would be too afraid of not knowing if he was having an insulin reaction if he is using drugs.

What signs can a parent look for to recognize if a child is using or abusing?

Telling Friends

Do you tell your friends about your kids on drugs?

How do you tell friends about your child when they always seem to be so judgmental?

Treatment

How much does treatment cost?

Trust

Is taking responsibility for a child who is a minor different from one who is over the age of 21?

We are here in the East. Our granddaughter is in AZ. She spent 45 days at a treatment center there. So far so good. Besides telling her we love her and keeping in touch how can we help and support her and her family? We pray for her every day.

As a control freak how do we know how low is the bottom for our loved one? (I have a fear of death for my loved one)

I have a 24-year-old son who used crystal meth. He moved back home to get away from his old friends. He says he doesn’t use anymore and I don’t see any signs of it in his room but how do I know for sure after all the years of lies?

How can you know when a child is truly “ready to be responsible” when lying has become such a part of their personality?

At what time after sobriety begins should a parent buy the child lunch and begin to trust him once again?

How can you begin to trust a repeat abuser who is “clean and sober?”

My daughter is newly (four months) in recovery after four years of using. We are building an open/honest relationship. Sometimes, though, we get stuck. If I notice an unusually behavior or circumstance and ask her about it she will often say, “You don’t trust me.” How do I walk that balance between being open about my feelings and concerns and rebuilding trust?

How do we as parents trust again? How do you begin to rebuild trust after all the lying and deception?

When The Kids Are Gone

What is the best response to a 20-year-old son who is far away in college and says he uses marijuana and alcohol just to relax with his friends? We send money to pay for his apartment and college expenses but do not wish to set him up for deception if we say quit or we will cut off the money.

What can I say to my brilliant son in the military who is consuming a fifth of alcohol daily? He is 18 years of age.

What can a parent do when a married child is using alcohol too much and will not admit it to either his wife or parents? He is functioning well but alcohol is a large part of his life.

Do pastor’s kids or church kids have a high incidence of becoming users/abusers after high school? (i.e. once they’ve left home, gone off to college)?

My son is 50 and has been clean from cocaine for 15 years. But, he still has many of the signs of a drug user in that he is anti-social, isolated and will not talk to any one. What can I do to help him?

What do I do about a 45-year-old son that lives on his own besides pray for him? The Bible study groups in which my wife and I participate pray for him. I feel sometimes it is useless and I see no apparent results.

If your child is an adult and wants help, is it okay to try and help? Or should it be their decision and let them work it out on their own?

My son is 33 years old. How do you know you have done enough before you let go?

My child is now an adult but still abusing drugs. Is there a way to keep a minimal relationship without enabling but still setting boundaries? Is it possible to keep a relationship without compromising my values?

Is there any treatment option that you can legally put your child through without their consent if they are over 18?

My addicted son has stolen from my mother who is his grandmother. He is out of state but wants to come live with me. What should I do? He has threatened me if I turn him into the authorities.

How do you handle someone who has alienated themselves from their parents to hide the addiction? He is 32 years old.

What should our attitude be to a daughter in law who refuses to stop taking drugs? We raised their children.

My 20 year old is a crystal meth addict living with a crystal meth addict boyfriend. She says he has a problem but says she doesn't. How do you get her into treatment if she won't admit her addiction?

Six weeks ago we were ready to ask our daughter to leave our house. She decided to go before we asked her...that made it easier on us. But, just yesterday—and this is not the only time—she was abusive on the telephone with me. I told her I would not allow that behavior and hung up. Do you think I did the correct thing?

I have been so hurt by 3 children that I find it hard to pray for them. I fear God won't or can't bring about their healing/recovery. If I don't ask Him for their recovery again, I can't say He is "powerless" to help them.