

Introduction: This evening we are taking a look at ministry to those who are in crisis due to the necessity of long-term care.

For this evening's scripture reading we will read from Matthew 25:34-40.

Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

³⁷"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? ³⁸When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

1. Changes facing long term care receivers.

2. Crises due to being placed in a nursing home.

- a. Loss of autonomy.
- b. Loss of connection.
- c. Loss of companionship.
- d. Loss of meaning in life.



3. Barriers in long-term caregiving.

a. Inability to communicate.

b. Depression.

c. Anger.

d. Manipulation.

e. Faith struggles.

4. Visiting with people under long-term care.

5. Other helpful advice.



Discussion and questions.