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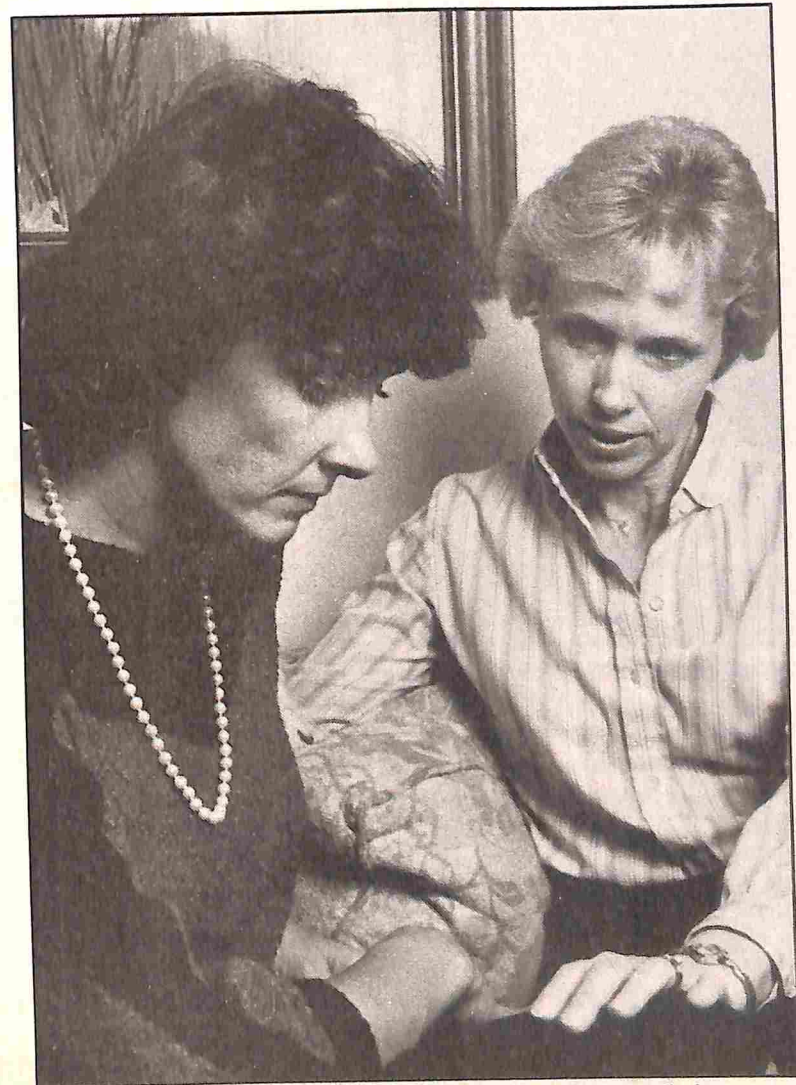
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Learning how to minister with the dying does not take elaborate preparation.

We learn from Jesus, "the Man of sorrows," who "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died. . . ." It is His

death—His resurrection—that is the source of hope toward which we can point the dying, for it is through Christ that they, like us, can have the assurance of eternal life.

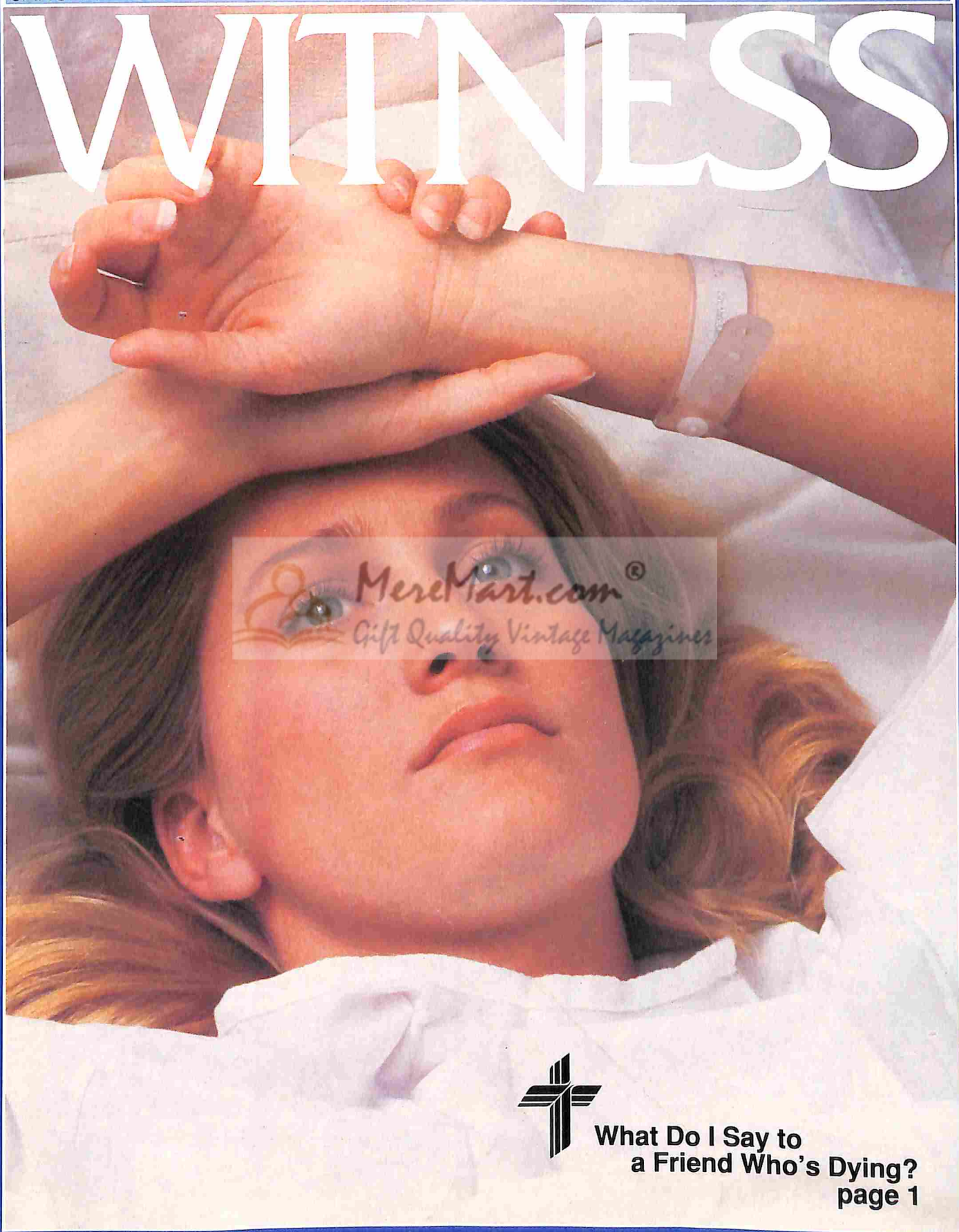
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In ministering with dying friends, our purpose is not to cure their suffering but to ease it by sharing its weight.

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