

From the hospital, he told them **he was sick**.
When he checked back in to see how they'd
responded to his announcement, he was
shocked. **They didn't care that he was sick:**
they were sick, too, they said; they were in pain,
and he had to take care of them.

**what remained with him was a strong sense
that he wanted to do the work anyway.. even
if the people he spoke to felt nothing for him, he
still wanted something from them.**