

MIRACLES, MIRACLES, THEY'RE POURING!!!

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The doctor hesitated for a moment and with consoling words he said, “ **I am sorry but it's a 4th stage cancer**”. How would you react if you were the patient? Probably, you'd be speechless. Thoughts of dying envelopes your mind as if a hug rock was falling straight to you. Seemingly, you want to end up everything at that moment because you assume there's no more hope for you. “**Why me? Why me?**”

Friends, I am a bonsai enthusiast – a happy and normal guy who seems to be well but in just a wink of an eye – **I was diagnosed to possess CANCER**. It was enough reason for me to blame and curse my LORD whom I thought would not forsake me – but look, despite this, I just can't turn HIM down just like that. **For the years of my soul-searching, I was blessed to have known HIM, reconciled with HIM and made it easier for us to accept this dreadful and scary disease that has gotten into my system.** In fact I thought I was prepared to die. So brave enough to consider DEATH as a reward that I may get to see my only LORD and be happy with HIM forever rather than living a temporary life on earth full of disgrace and wrath.

Ngunit sadyang ayaw ho talaga ni Lord na mamatay ako. Kasi ho. Sabi ng doctor ko “Ooperahan kita”. So I was operated Aug. 6, 2003. Dati takot ho ako sa hospital. Ngunit ang ating Panginoon ang nagbigay sa akin ng lakas para malabanan ko lahat ng FEARS and UNCERTAINTIES. Sa KANYA ko inihabilin at sinusuko ang aking buong buhay at nang ako ay dalhin sa operating room, matapos manalangin at umawit ng “**Faithful One,**” unti-unti akong nakatulog. Nang ako ay magising, nakahiga na ako sa recovery room. **Little did I know that I was in the operating room longer than scheduled because my doctors were trying to save a major vein but unluckily, they have no choice but to cut it along with the tumor.** Recalling the operation, wala akong naramdaman sakit probably because of the effects of anesthesia. **But deep within me, I know, HE was there for me to bear all the pains that I would have carried and felt instead.** Would “miracles” be possible? **Yes, it did happen to me on several occasions, as.**

1. I recovered very fast. I could manage to sit few hours after the operation. In fact, madami po akong prepared medicines na hindi ko na po nagamit. 2 bags of blood were also returned. My oxygen was also discontinued. Several pain relievers, dextrose and antibiotics were not used and eventually returned (nakabawas sa bills).

2. **When it was time for my doctor to remove the “plastic grenade” (it’s a small bag connected to a 16-inch long plastic tube inserted in my neck where blood is drained. My doctor says: “this would cause you discomfort and pain” while I pull the tube. But I could feel MY Lord is with me and again, it was rather smooth and I felt no pain. I know, He made it easier for me.**
3. I don’t know but I guess I was given so much new opportunities in exchange of that tumor removed from me. I was given the ability to foretell. I could sense that my brother in (*United*) States is coming over. True to my expectation, when my brother dialed my phone the next day, he was telling me he’s coming home with my parents.
4. **Two days before we will be released from the hospital, I asked my Lord, that the sun will shine because it was raining non-stop for several days and Praise HIM, he gave us a sunny day on the way home.**
5. I was told that it would be difficult for me to shrug my left shoulder because of the major vein that was cut during the operation. But look at me now, I could still shrug my shoulders off.
6. **Planning ahead for my recovery at home, I tied a rope in our bedroom before the operation. I said I will use the rope each time I get up from bed, but thanks Yahweh, I manage to get up on my own without using the rope. It was never used.**
7. When I had a therapy at St. Luke’s Hospital in Manila, my expectation of undergoing chemotherapy was reduced to linear accelerator therapy.
8. **Two weeks after the therapy, my co-patients who were undergoing the same therapy found it hard to swallow their food but miraculously for me, I could eat up all the food that my wife prepares plus the 2 snacks a day. Why? For every spoonful of food that I take, I spice it with prayers and sure enough, the Lord never failed me.**
9. There were several instances when the machine did not work. We were around 50 patients everyday under the same treatment and some of my co-patients before me were not able to complete their therapy due to machine malfunction. But why is it that when it was my time to be exposed on that machine, I never experience a half-baked exposure. It was rather smooth and continuous – and I always complete my therapy. This happened twice.
10. **Assuredly, I was advised to undergo therapy for 31 days but I asked the Lord and kept on praying, asking HIM to give me short of 31 days as we were running short of finances too. Even before my treatment, I told my tutorial students that I will not reach 31 days and true enough, the LORD gave me 28 days instead. What a wonderful moment of truth when the doctor said, the 28th day was my last day. Praise YAHWEH, HIS will be done. I was blessed.**
11. The vanishing taste bud which was the effect of my therapy after my salivary glands, wherein everything I eat is tasteless but GOD is so good, my sense of taste was not completely gone. True indeed, HE has worked wonders.
12. **Finally, according to my recent MRI result, my doctors said “ I am free of any tumors in my body. Short of saying “I am cleansed”. Here I am, despite being a sinner, but because of FAITH, HE gave me**

another chance – a new life, the greatest gift that our LORD has given me.

I could never thank HIM enough for all of HIS GOODNESS. He was always beside me. In bad times, I could feel HIS warmth embracing me and protecting me. I am very proud and I feel so blessed on the account of these twelve (12) miracles that manifested how Great and GOOD our GOD is. If you think that miracles happen only during the New Testament, my friends, you're wrong. Miracles still happen even now. **I am one of the Living testimonies of HIS GREATNESS.**

You think 12 miracles are enough for me and will stop from there? Oh no! Even now, I never stop counting my blessings that keeps pouring and filling me. I owe a lot to HIM. I am extremely overwhelmed because HE has done immense spiritual changes not only me and my wife but even my family whom I am proud to say has also found their way to the LORD.

That even if I die now, I wouldn't regret leaving them because I know they are now assured of everlasting happiness that our LORD has promised. However, I am sure, He gave me another chance to let you know and tell you that He cares for you my brothers. **That's why I am still here. ALIVE – the living proof of the Lord's presence.** Thank you YAHWEH. **You're my only Lord that I am going to serve. AMEN.**

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