

UPDATE ON ELAINE

This is exciting! We saw the oncologist yesterday for the results of the recent PET scan. The bleeding ulcer is healed. HEALED! The tumor is gone. GONE! And the results of yesterday's bloodwork are excellent with a hemoglobin of over 12. NORMAL!

We praise God for that. ALL of that. It is a combination of His answer to the prayers of many friends around the world, and the medical treatment Elaine received. We praise and thank Him and say THANK YOU to you.

ONGOING

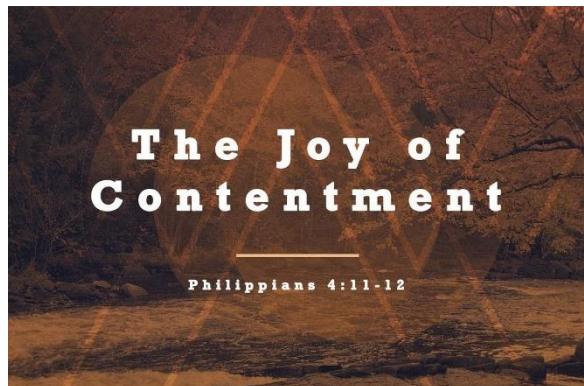
Elaine has simply not regained strength in the way that was expected. She cannot walk very far and is unsteady when she does walk. I often help her get up from a chair.

And there's the matter of sleep, as some nights are difficult. We're trying various things but so far don't have the formula for a good night. As you know, good sleep adds so much to having a good day.

We look to God in these needs, as we seek medical help, and we treasure your prayers. Thank you!

THE JOURNEY

Romans 8:28 has been a flashing billboard and Philippians 4:11-12 has come alive for us.



We've seen God draw us into greater intimacy with Himself even as He knits our hearts together more than ever and brings Life into some other relationships that needed it. It's a powerful, spiritual and relational journey whose benefits exceed the pain.

God has also confirmed the faith of the Hebrews 11 "Heroes of faith," faith that enables one to wait patiently and peacefully for the outcome per His plan rather than having predetermined expectations that connect to our emotions. It helps us set our eyes on Him and on "things above" (Col. 3:1) instead of on ourselves and earthly things. That is all so liberating - enabling us to let go of control and to trust Him whatever the outcome.

Well, the dryer was buzzing so I interrupted this to get the wash out, and next I'll look into what's for supper. Life is different now – but better than ever because Jesus is LORD and we are His! And you really can teach an old dog new tricks.

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