# CANCER IS NOT A DEATH SENTENCE

MICHAEL AND BOBBIE'S HEALING JOURNEY

A Journey of Faith

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#### INTRODUCTION

## I didn't die. I lived! And now I'm telling the world what God did.<sup>1</sup>

"Faith for the journey of walking with God Leads to encounters with God." Bill Johnson

#### "Cancer! Oh no! I'm going to die!"

That is what a majority of people think when they hear the word cancer. Some people are in such fear when they hear that they have been diagnosed with cancer, they can't even say the word. They call it the "C" word.

I'm here to tell you cancer is NOT a death sentence! I'm living proof that you too can live and not die and tell others what God has done for you. God does not have favorites! What He has done for me He can do for each one reading this who believes in Him. This is the story of "our" healing journey.

The reason we entitled this book *Michael and Bobbie's Journey* is because cancer affects the whole family. My wife, Bobbie, is as much involved in this journey as I am. Bobbie put her life on hold for me. She went with me to every appointment, radiation and chemo treatment. Not only did she go to my appointments, she scheduled them for me. And when I was unable to drive, she drove me to them.

Because she is an LPN, she understood what the doctors were saying and also knew what questions to ask. She made sure I received medicine on time, even in the middle of the night. She patiently and faithfully sat through my two surgeries. For a time, I was unable to eat solid food and Bobbie changed my dressing to keep the G-Tube, (feeding tube), free from infection.

Because I had cancer in the throat, there was a period of time when I couldn't swallow, and Bobbie gave me tube feedings five to six times a day. Also, because of her nursing background, it was like having my own private duty nurse 24/7. Taking care of me around the clock was physically taking a toll on her, but she continued on day after day without complaints.

Most importantly, she prayed for me and encouraged me. I am so thankful Bobbie was with me every step of this journey. Although the journey seemed long and the road hard, (it was almost eight months from the time I noticed the lump until I was able to go back to work full time), God gave us the faith and strength to endure. He will also walk with you every step of the way and give you faith and strength for the journey if you simply ask Him and believe.

First, I want to make clear that cancer or any other sickness or disease is NOT of God. To say that God puts cancer, sickness or any other disease on people is a slap to His face! We live in a fallen world from where sickness comes. Jesus went to the Cross to redeem us from the curse of this fallen world. In Isaiah 53:5 it is written,

...but He was wounded for our transgressions He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him: and by His stripes we are healed.

Also, in John 10:10, Jesus declared,

The thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, And to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, And that they may have it more abundantly.

So, into which category does cancer fall? The *"kill, steal and destroy"* category of Satan, or the abundant *"more abundantly"* life of Jesus? Cancer is a consequence of the door being open to Satan's influence by mankind's choices against our Creator and His ways.

For the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking,<sup>2</sup> but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

"Since sickness does not bring righteousness,<sup>3</sup> Does not bring peace and does not bring joy; Then it is not of God."

In 1 John 3:8 it says,

For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, That He might destroy the works of the devil.

Also, Exodus 15:26 says,

I am the Lord who heals you.

It does not say, "I am the Lord who puts cancer, sickness or any disease on you."

There are seventeen times in the Gospels where it is recorded that Jesus healed all of the sick that were present,<sup>4</sup> and forty-seven other times where He healed one or two people at a time. Nowhere in the Bible do we find Jesus refusing to heal anyone. In light of Jesus' statement that He could do nothing of Himself, but only what He saw the Father do (John 5:19; 8:28-29), His actions are proof enough that it is always God's will to heal.<sup>5</sup>

So, if you or someone you know believes that God "puts sickness and disease on you to teach you something," then why go to the doctor or ask for prayer to get rid of something you believe God gave you? God loves you! Repent for believing a religious lie and ask God to heal you! He wants you to come to Him and ask. It is His great pleasure to heal you for your good and His glory.

## GOD GETS THE GLORY WHEN WE ARE HEALED, NOT WHEN WE ARE SICK!

As you take this journey with us, we pray your faith will be strengthened and that you encounter Jesus Christ as the Lord who wants you well and heals you.

Let the healing journey begin...

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We hope and believe it will be a blessing to you!