

Praying With Resurrection Power!

Near the end of September, 2020, I initiated contact with a pastor by calling him on the phone to ask how he is doing. He didn't know me, but after talking with me for a few minutes on the phone, He began to share some of the struggles and challenges he and his wife were dealing with in ministry. Then he shared that the Lord gave a word to their church to go and worship on the beach...so they were stepping out in faith and obedience that Saturday afternoon.

“Go to the beach and worship ME and SEE what happens!”

I asked him for the name and location of the beach. Sue and I responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to drive there and take photos and video of the experience with God on the beach.



The pastor, his wife, and some members from their small congregation showed up to worship.

Their Pastor friend from Detroit showed up with his worship band.

The weather was cloudy, windy, and cold, with threatening rain.

GOD showed up as we worshiped Him in Spirit and in Truth for almost four hours!

We have continued to stay in touch periodically through email, phone calls, and text messages. Recently, the Holy Spirit prompted me to send him a text message. He replied rather quickly, and I was both surprised and shocked by what he wrote to me.

Hey Pastor John... I've really been going through it a lot! I have a sickness that has yet to be diagnosed and have eight different specialist teams from the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit, Michigan, to and the U of M in Ann Arbor and Brighton. (Photos added)



LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit



U of M Cancer Center in Ann Arbor



U of M Cancer Center in Brighton

I was miraculously healed of multiple myeloma cancer in June of last year but there are other residual things going on in my body that has everybody puzzled. In fact each team has a different name for me... One team calls me the "mystery", another one calls me the "puzzle", also the "complicated patient," the "complex patient," and now for the U of M I am the "challenging patient".

Since June of last year I've given 218 various size vials of blood for lab work and those are only the ones that I'm conscious of. This past week the brunt of my care has now been shifted to the University of Michigan Ann Arbor where I have three major specialist teams on my case. Through it all I have the peace of God and a joy that I can't even explain that is with me and in me and upon me most of the time.

Back in November I stepped down from ministry for two months. It was more like a sick leave than it was a sabbatical. However our district considered it a sabbatical. After seven years you're supposed to take a three month sabbatical and I've been here for 20 years and it's the first one that I've taken... Stupid me!

So, I cut it short for a month because I was physically able to preach and teach. November was my worst month. In that month I felt like I was really probably going to die from all of what I was going through. I started having neurological problems in my brain with acute short-term memory lapse, high intense anxiety that came out of nowhere, and a few bouts of anger that just wasn't me.

One of the weird things that has all of the different specialist teams baffled is that whatever this sickness is, it tends to move into different parts of my body as if it were on rotation. There are times where my arms don't want to work or they feel very dead or hurt completely. Other times it's in my legs and makes it very difficult for me to stand or even walk at times.

My spleen is three times the size it should be. Now we're finding that after months of being denied from my primary care physician to have a gastroenterologist team because he believed that there was nothing wrong with my liver, we are now finding out after having a liver biopsy done, I do you have at least two different liver diseases combating each other and they are trying to find the source for it.

So right now our prayer needs are financially especially in the area of a vehicle. We have a 1996 Honda Accord that is being held together with zip ties and shipping tape. Lol. Shipping tape is transparent so it doesn't look as bad as duct tape! Going back-and-forth to U of M, we need a reliable vehicle and the current used car market is really bad. The other thing is the trips back and forth for appointments run \$300 to \$400 a trip with gas, food and lodging. But God has been meeting those needs and I know that he will continue to meet them.

One additional thing happened to me when we were in Ann Arbor last week. While I was driving, my eyes locked and I was seeing double vision up and down, not side to side. It freaked me out and immediately I told Joanie, "Something is very wrong!" I had to find a place to pull over and let her drive. I went to our local optometrist the day after we returned. They believe I am having migraine headaches that I am not "Feeling." I also have hemorrhaging in the backs of both of my

eyes. U of M has scheduled an appointment with their Ophthalmologist Team on this Thursday at the Kellogg Eye Center. There are two diseases that are possibly attacking my liver that are also connected with the eyes. I will be having abdominal MRI's and Labs on Wednesday.

I have two other appointments within the next 3 weeks also at the U of M Ann Arbor.

We have been looking for a Nissan Pathfinder or a Toyota 4 Runner from 2013-2018 with low miles. My son suggested this because he is familiar with maintenance on these vehicles. I thought I had one set up to purchase yesterday down in Nunica. I was heading down there this morning, but it sold later in the day yesterday.

Thank you for your compassion, love and concern. I know my testimony has blessed many throughout the world already. But it has also overwhelmed others who I thought would come alongside who have actually abandoned me. Knowing what Jesus went through... abandonment, betrayal, misrepresentation, persecution, and the price He paid for me on the Cross... I would not have made it through this season.

I have a Joy I cannot explain and a Peace that surpasses all understanding that sustains me! His Presence has been very tangible at times. I know He's got "This" and He's got "Me!"



Jireh

Song by Elevation Worship and Maverick City Music

Lyrics

I'll never be more loved than I am right now
Wasn't holding You up
So there's nothing I can do to let You down
It doesn't take a trophy to make You proud
I'll never be more loved than I am right now, oh
Going through a storm but I won't go down
I hear Your voice

Carried in the rhythm of the wind to call me out
You would cross an ocean so I wouldn't drown
You've never been closer than You are right now
(Let's sing it loud y'all)
You are Jireh, You are enough
Jireh, You are enough
And I will be content in every circumstance
You are Jireh, You are enough
Forever enough
Always enough
More than enough
Forever enough
Always enough
More than enough
I don't wanna forget how I feel right now
On the mountaintop
I can see so clear what it's all about
So stay by my side when the sun goes down
Don't wanna forget how I feel right now (Jireh)
Jireh, You are enough
Jireh, You are enough (so I will be)
I will be content in every circumstance
Jireh, You are enough (He is always enough)
He's forever enough
Always enough
Always more than enough
He is, He is
Forever enough
Always enough (He's everything, He's always)
More than enough (yeah)
I'm already loved
I'm already chosen
I know who I am
I know what You've spoken
I'm already loved
More than I could imagine
And that is enough, oh-oh
I'm already loved (I'm already loved)
I'm already chosen (I'm already chosen)
I know who I am (I know who I am)
I know what You've spoken (I know what You've spoken)
I'm already loved (I'm already loved)
More than I could imagine (more than I could imagine)
That is enough (that is enough)
It's enough for me, oh
I'm already loved (I'm already loved)
I'm already chosen (I'm already chosen)
I know who I am (I know who I am)
I know, I know what You've spoken (I know what You've spoken)
I'm already loved (I'm already loved)
More than I could even fathom (more than I could imagine)
And that is enough (and that is enough)
Yes it is, it's enough, it's enough
And that is enough (that is enough)
What His truth says is better than anything

That is enough (that is enough)
What He's declared over us, it's true
That is enough (that is enough)
That is enough (that is enough)
That is enough (that is enough)
Jehovah, You are (that is enough)
El Shaddai, You are (that is enough)
When I have You, I have everything (that is enough)
When I have Jesus, I have everything (that is enough)
That is enough (that is enough)
'Cause You are enough (You are enough)
You're my portion (You are enough)
You're my portion (You are enough)
More than enough for me (You are enough)
Say, You are enough (You are enough)
So I am enough (so I am enough)
You are enough (You are enough)
So I am enough (so I am enough)
Say, Jireh
Jireh, You are enough (Jireh)
Jireh, You are enough (yes You are)
I will be content in every circumstance
Jireh, You are enough, oh-oooh (You are)
If He dresses the lilies with beauty and splendor
How much more will He clothe you?
How much more will He clothe you?
If He watched over every sparrow
How much more does He love you?
How much more does He love you?
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If He dresses the lilies with beauty and splendor
How much more will He clothe you?
How much more will He clothe you?
If He watched over every sparrow (don't you worry!)
How much more does He love you? (Our Father loves you)
How much more does He love you? (How much more?)
How much more does He love you? (How much more?)
How much more does He love you? (How much more?)
How much more does He love you? (How much more?)
How much more does He love you? (How much more?)
How much more does He love you?
It's more than you ask, think or imagine
According to His power working in us
It's more than enough
It's more than you ask, think or imagine, oh yeah
According to His power working in us
It's more than enough (let's go y'all)
It's more than you ask, think or imagine (so according)
According to His power, it's working in us (how much more does He love you?)
It's more than enough (how much more? Sing!)

More than you ask, think or imagine (so according)
According to His power working in us (how much more does He love you?)
It's more than enough (one more time, sing!)
More than you ask, think or imagine
According to His power working in us (how much more does He love you?)
It's more than enough (how much more?)
It's more than enough (how much more?)
More than you know (more than enough)
It's more than enough (more than you know)
More than you know (more)
Jireh, You are enough
Jireh, You are enough (You've always been enough)
And I will be content in every circumstance
Jireh, You are enough
And I will be content (yes) in every circumstance
Jireh, You are enough

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Praying With Resurrection Power!

Please join us in Praying with Resurrection Power for God to completely heal this dear pastor before the doctors decide and complete a treatment regimen. Pray with us that God's miraculous healing touch will be so obvious and undeniable, even the doctors will admit it was a miracle. We believe our Lord God Almighty, who raised Jesus from the dead, is able to heal this pastor from all his diseases.

Giving With Resurrection Joy!

Sue and I experienced great resurrection joy by sending a check to this pastor and his wife. God used this pastor's story to elevate our worship of Jireh.

If the Holy Spirit moves in your heart to help this pastoral couple financially, you may send your contribution to PastorCare West Michigan as a designated gift to the "April 2022 Pastor."

Ben Crompton, Treasurer, PastorCare West Michigan Board of Directors, will send a check for the full amount of all designated contributions received to help this pastor couple.



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