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chemo and radiation? Anyone gone through? - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2015/1/26 16:47

Please contact me if so, I was just diagnosed
 With cervical cancer even though I've been honestly abstinate
 For 14 years since meeting Jesus. I had to have a radical hysterectomy over Christmas for stage 1b2 - all pathology reports for surrounding tissue came back negative but the cells were grade 3 which means they tried to go into nearby blood vessels before being removed. and now
 they are saying chemo and radiation - it seems like
 No one at the hospital or oncology office or radiation office is Christian and I'm scared.
 Any help or prayer or counsel would be so much appreciated. No one I know has been through this, I'm 39, have just been made barren, had hopes of maybe being married again one day, but now everything just seems so bad. I can't feel the Lord in any of this and feel like I'm losing my first love in the middle of everything.
 I'm scared I'm going to end up a bitter old woman, I have no desire to share the good news, or love others or any of it. I'm just scared and having a really hard time trusting a God who is not able to get through to my heart. I don't know how to know He's with me except for His word.
 I haven't posted in a while so thanks for reading if you do.

Re: chemo and radiation? Anyone gone through? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2015/1/26 17:09

I have never had cancer, but our daughter, Regina, did. She went to be with the LORD 19 years ago on January 14 after battling it for 14 months, more or less.

Regina, had glioblastoma - brain cancer. She was anointed with oil by her pastors three times. The first time included the fetus she was carrying - he was taken by c-section at 30 weeks because she was dying. But she lived another 9.5 months after this.

Regina was surrounded by LOVE from God/Jesus, her family and friends. She was treated at St. Mary's hospital, a Catholic facility. They had excellent chaplains...including a female chaplain - really appreciated her encouragement during this time.

Ruthie, if you wish to call me I would love to share with you. My contact info is on my profile - you can email me your phone number and I will call you at your convenience.

God bless.

Sandra Miller

Re: chemo and radiation? Anyone gone through? - posted by dolfan (), on: 2015/1/26 18:38

Ruth,

I don't have answers and if I tried it would not do justice to you. I am glad you posted and I hope you will keep posting. I hope you are part of a local church, too.

The limits on really building each other up online are real but we can listen. I know for me, writing is more fruitful than speaking. So if you are of a mind to share your burdens here, people will support you in real prayer and listening. There may even be women who identify with your pain and questions.

Meanwhile, I pray that the God of peace will fill you with His peace and comfort and that His church will surround you with loving kindness.

Re: y - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2015/1/26 19:20

Thank you,

Yes people from our house church that I grew up in dissolved this past year just before I came back from a mission trip to Japan. That has been hard but I do know people of precious faith from many of the different churches here in town. Unfortunately many are in their early 20's or are happily married with families so I feel really alone in this.

Thank you for your kind words

Re: - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2015/1/26 19:42

Ginny Rose I still remember things you said , encouraging things, from posts I made a few years ago. I sent you my cell number.

Thank you.

Re: , on: 2015/1/27 1:03

I'm sorry to hear that, but I'm glad that you know people of precious faith in your town. May you find an "inner circle" who can support you in this difficult time.

First I would like to share a few scriptures:

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;

Romans 8:38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

Philippians 4:7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

My mother died of Lung cancer many years ago, so I know a little bit about the shock and pain this causes. In the meantime I have done quite a bit of my own research and would like to briefly add a few things that might be helpful. There are many alternative treatments out there. But they are often suppressed. Why? Dr. Mercola writes: "Please understand that cancer is big business. The cancer industry is spending virtually nothing of its multi-billion dollar resources on effective prevention strategies, such as dietary guidelines, exercise and obesity education. Instead, it pours its money into treating cancer, not preventing or curing it. Why would they shoot their cash cow? "

After all my own research I know I personally will never go through Chemo or radiation therapy .

May you find some committed Christians to pray with and seek God's strength and guidance and healing.

You will find a lot of information and testimonies on the Internet. Here is just an example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyvSmhrlJwE>

Will pray for you too, may the Lord be near to you, bless you and heal you!

Re: chemo and radiation? Anyone gone through? - posted by rjennings (), on: 2015/1/27 7:07

Ruth,

I have not gone through chemotherapy or radiation personally but one of the greatest testimonies of my life is witnessing what God did in my mom in the midst of chemotherapy for bone cancer some thirty years ago now. It began with breast cancer and spread into her bone. She had gone through 2 rounds of treatment and was still recovering from the last.

My brother had gotten into trouble and I told him that I would bail him out if he would attend a prayer meeting with me at a coworker's house that evening. He agreed and got gloriously saved! There was a ninety year old evangelist attending as a guest who invited my brother to a special meeting he was having in Centre, Alabama the next Saturday. I didn't even hear the conversation but he repeated it to our mom as he shared with her what had just happened to him earlier. He told her we just had to go meaning that she needed to take part as well. She reinforced the fact that she hadn't been out of the bed in months and was in no condition to be going anywhere.

Around 3PM on Saturday my phone rang it was mom. "Will you come pick us up and take us to this meeting? It's all heads talked about since he gotten home". I had no idea where Centre, Alabama was or how long it took to get there but agreed to pick them up and figure it out. We arrived at the Western Sizzlin steak house right inside the city limits late but early enough to hear the evangelist. He didn't speak that long but gave several testimonies of God

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His power and gave an invitation to anyone who needed something from the Lord to come forward. It was a long, slender room and not enough space for us to sit together. I sat near the front of the lengthy table near the speaker while my brother and mom sat near the rear. Following the invitation, I felt a hand on my shoulder and turned around to see my mom standing there with tears flowing down her face. She was second in line for prayer. "What do you need from God?" he asked. She responded, "I have cancer." "Who says so?" he asked. She shrugged her shoulders and said "The doctors." "Well, what does Doctor Jesus say?" he asked. She didn't respond but simply shrugged her shoulders. He never touched her but simply asked "Where do you hurt?" and instantly her countenance lit up the room. "Nowhere, nowhere!!!" she exclaimed "It's the first time in ten years that I've been without pain."

After the meeting the evangelist met with my mom and told her not to accept his word but to go back to her doctor to get his diagnosis. She did and was proclaimed to be cancer free! Praise God! She lived over 25 more years before going on to be with the Lord a couple of years ago.

My wife has now been diagnosed with cancer and is facing chemotherapy without God's intervention. I know that He is able to miraculously heal her as I give my mom's testimony perhaps more than my own but I've also lived long enough to know that He is sovereign. Daniel 3:16-18 has always been an encouragement to me. I know that He will deliver me but if not, let it be known that I will not serve the gods of this world or turn from the truth He has placed in my heart.

I could go on for pages of what the Lord has done for us even in the midst of this present trial - miraculous things that cannot be explained by even the doctors. We will continue to pray for her healing as well as yours. We serve a mighty God, indeed!

May God bless and heal you sister!

Re: chemo and radiation? Anyone gone through? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/1/27 10:47

Ruth,

My mom had lung cancer and went through chemo and radiation. She became cancer free but wouldn't stop smoking so the cancer came back and she died in 12/2012 but she was content, that's what she wanted. It wasn't what I wanted that's for sure.

My mom went through a half of a chemo treatment (3 to 4 hours) every week and radiation every day (M-F) for six weeks, it was tough on her but she never complained. It was harder on me watching her. At the end of her treatments, they gave her the 2 big treatments (6 - 8 hours) for two months and those were the hardest on her body.

I never knew what to say to people who had cancer, always afraid to say the wrong thing but sitting with her in the chemo waiting room through the weeks, you learn to talk about it with other people; it was a bump in the road and they were courageous, they wanted to talk it with someone who would listen.

Quote:

-----ruthiepoothie wrote:

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Ruth, they don't have to be a Christian because God can use their knowledge anyway! And through watching you go through your troubles and trials trusting in the Lord, they may end up being one!

Quote:

-----ruthiepoothie wrote:

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This is a lie from the enemy, Ruth, using your trial to feed lies to you. If you do not want to end up a bitter old woman, then

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en you will not, in the name of Jesus!! There is adoption, there are many older children that need a good home or younger children too. They do not have to come out of your body for you to love them like your own! :)

Quote:

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I'm going to put you on my prayer list and I will be prayer for you that you will see God through all of this and will testify of His goodness in the midst of the valley of the shadow of darkness.

Friends of SI, let's all lift up Ruth.

God bless you Ruth,
Lisa

Re: - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2015/1/27 23:53

Thanks Lisa,

I just hate the idea of putting poison into my body and the side effects. The side effects would definitely effect intimacy with anyone in the future. I'm willing to forsake marriage, but what sucks is that The Lord isn't here to tangibly hold me through this. I read all these stories about husbands holding thier wives through hard times - really beautiful. I know The Lord is my husband Isaiah 54:5 and He has been. I know that Jesus felt forsaken when He had to drink a cup He didn't want to. I know there was a glorified body on the other side. But I told Him I need to feel Him tangibly holding me through this or I'll never make it. I know that might not make sense but that's how I feel.

Re: - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2015/1/28 0:12

Thank you Brothers and Sisters for your replies,
I also had a good time talking with GinnyRose last night.

I looked into alternative diets (Gerson) and the Burzynski clinic (haven't called yet) and have already in the past month cut out everything except certain fruits and vegetables, oats , however I am still drinking coffee (staying up late praying, crying, reading and still have to work the next day so the caffeine helps) . The docs are very adamant about the chemo and radiation even though it's stage 2 and none of the surrounding tissue was affected. They want me to start as soon as possible . Right now I have NO Cancer as far as I know- the surgery removed everything. But they said the cells I had were very aggressive and love to come back / showed signs of starting to go into the surrounding blood vessels/ so they are REALLY recommending this treatment on me.

All the verses you sent were EXACTLY what the Lord put on my heart- especially the Proverbs 3:5 "lean not on your own understanding" especially. I don't know if this treatment is a cup The Lord wants me to drink or not. I'm asking it would pass and I wouldn't have to. But part of me thinks He wants me to- even though I firmly believe in miraculous healing and God's ability to keep anything from returning. I just dunno

Re: , on: 2015/1/28 3:21

Ruthiepoothie

I am so sorry that you are fighting cancer on your own but there is a mass of information to help you out there which you have no doubt been looking at. There are many ways to get your body healing itself and it is advised from what I have read, to 'throw everything' at the cancer, that is, alkalizing diet, (no sugar especially as it feeds the cancer which you probably know already) B17, bicarb of soda, etc.

You may know of this survey:

Quote:

-----In a survey of 79 oncologists from McGill University Cancer Center in Canada, 64 said they would not consent to treatment with Cis

platin, a common chemotherapy drug, while 58 oncologists said they would reject all the current trials being carried out by their establishment. Why? "The ineffectiveness of chemotherapy and its unacceptable degree of toxicity." Philip Day, Cancer: Why We're Still Dying to Know the Truth - See more at: <http://www.cancerfightingstrategies.com/causes.html#sthash.GgEvVujX.dpuf>

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Also a mass of information on this forum:

<http://www.davidicke.com/forum/showthread.php?t=37738>

I understand how you feel, with the presence of God being missing during this trial as I have gone through a very severe trial myself, for a long period and have been coming out of it this year. He does allow His children to go through the fire seemingly without Him and we cannot fully understand the reasons in this life, but the result at the end will be worth it even though it is impossible to see why during it.

You are in a fierce battle, and it will help you to find writings of others who have also gone through it. Unless anyone has been through this very severe trial themselves, they cannot stand alongside and I have found that the worst thing for me has been the judging from other believers who have decided that I must be deserving of it or that all I need is more faith.

But first of all you need to be well aware of the facts and what you face with going against the cancer industry and the doctors who will bully and frighten you to join in with the biggest money spinner in the world. The fear is from the enemy and you should know that many people have successfully cured their cancers themselves.

I am healing my body from serious illness myself, without any support at all and even though I have had a long trial of not having God's presence, it is now back and He is guiding me in my treatment (none from doctors). My body is responding beyond belief. Diet is most important first of all and I have had to give up everything I like to eat but even at the grand old age of 65, my body is responding.

If you are using coffee to make your body perform, you are probably damaging your adrenal glands. Are you unable to give up work?

My dear you have my prayers with you.
Brenda

Re: , on: 2015/1/28 6:30

from the Johns Hopkins Hospital newsletter:

1. Sugar is a cancer-feeder. By cutting off sugar it cuts off one important food supply to the cancer cells.
3. Milk causes the body to produce mucus, especially in the gastro-intestinal tract. Cancer feeds on mucus. By cutting off milk and substituting with unsweetened soy milk cancer cells are being starved.
5. Cancer cells thrive in an acid environment. A meat-based diet is acidic and it is best to eat fish, and a little chicken rather than beef or pork. Meat also contains livestock antibiotics, growth hormones and parasites, which are all harmful, especially to people with cancer.
6. A diet made of 80% fresh vegetables and juice, whole grains, seeds, nuts and a little fruits help put the body into an alkaline environment. About 20% can be from cooked food including beans. Fresh vegetable juices provide live enzymes that are easily absorbed and reach down to cellular levels within 15 minutes to nourish and enhance growth of healthy cells. To obtain live enzymes for building healthy cells try and drink fresh vegetable juice (most vegetables including bean sprouts) and eat some raw vegetables 2 or 3 times a day. Enzymes are destroyed at temperatures of 104 degrees F (40 degrees C).
7. Avoid coffee, tea, and chocolate, which have high caffeine. Green tea is a better alternative and has cancer-fighting properties. Water is best to drink purified water, or filtered, to avoid known toxins and heavy metals in tap water. Distilled water is acidic. Avoid it.

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8. Meat protein is difficult to digest and requires a lot of digestive enzymes. Undigested meat remaining in the intestines become putrefied and leads to more toxic buildup.

9. Cancer cell walls have a tough protein covering. By refraining from or eating less meat it frees more enzymes to attack the protein walls of cancer cells and allows the body's killer cells to destroy the cancer cells.

10. Some supplements build up the immune system (IP6, Florscense, Essiac, anti-oxidants, vitamins, minerals, EFAs, etc.) to enable the body's own killer cells to destroy cancer cells. Other supplements like vitamin E are known to cause apoptosis, or programmed cell death, the body's normal method of disposing of damaged, unwanted, or unneeded cells.

11. Cancer is a disease of the mind, body, and spirit. A proactive and positive spirit will help the cancer warrior be a survivor. Anger, unforgiveness and bitterness put the body into a stressful and acidic environment.

13. Cancer cells cannot thrive in an oxygenated environment. Exercising daily, and deep breathing help to get more oxygen down to the cellular level. Oxygen therapy is another means employed to destroy cancer cells.

Re: chemo and radiation? Anyone gone through? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/1/28 7:36

There are many books out there and tons of information but if you don't want to try chemo since you are only stage 2 (according to the doctors), God knows what stage you are... all the books boil down to fresh fruits and veggies and if that is all you are buying, then buy organic.

Find an Earth Fare or Trader Joe's and only buy organic. I've heard far too many testimonies from unsaved and saved alike when they go only organic, their bodies begin to change.

Go on youtube and type in juicing, smoothies and such and watch some of those videos for recipes. Or start trying on your own.

And this is not a death sentence, physically, spiritually or mentally or even marriageability; you can't see down the road so you have no idea what God has in store for you. You do not know if you will never meet your husband or not through all of this or after this or what God has in store for you. Don't be so quick to let negativity come out of your mouth about your future!! :)

Praying,
Lisa

Re: , on: 2015/1/28 7:44

Here is something worth considering:

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0065522>

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is available for MS patients and according to information I have read, available to anyone, but that is in the UK I don't know about the US.

Quote:
-----In a multi-faceted study the researchers used a Ketogenic Diet (KD) along with three 90 minute sessions of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy a week.

The conclusions state that: a KD alone significantly decreased blood glucose, slowed tumor growth, and increased mean survival time by 56.7% in mice with systemic metastatic cancer. While HBO2T alone did not influence cancer progression, combining the KD with HBO2T elicited a significant decrease in blood glucose, tumor growth rate, and 77.9% increase in mean survival time compared to controls.

Re: - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2015/1/28 11:32

Thanks again everybody,
Yes I'm already juicing and buying only organic - mostly
Kale, carrots and apples which is actually really good.

I've also wondered what treatments other countries offered that were not under FDA regulations, so thank you for the UK link

Actually all the links have been helpful, some I've ready seen - some I have not.

I think just prayer that someone who has had cervical cancer with pelvic radiation and chemo administered through an IV to talk and pray with would be great-also to be able to quit the coffee in the midst of teaching public middle schoolers which requires a LOT of energy.

I do drink at least a half gallon of water daily and jog at least 2 miles 3 or 4 times a week.

Also that no decision would be based out of fear and that the peace of God would guide me. But in my heart I feel like I've already died.

I heard on Christian talk radio this morning that "suffering produces" from a lady whose husband was dying of ASL. She was very encouraging to listen to.

Also, I know God desires true worshipers- negativity has been in my heart with the sin of fear. But if I can't go to God in my weakness and have to put on positive thinking and pulling myself up by my own bootstraps and feel condemned or scared to go to God with those feelings, how am I ever really going to have the change of heart that is truly His work? was it negative when Nathaniel said, "can anything good come out of Nazareth?" It seems like He was being really sarcastic and negative.

I don't know if any good will come out of this but I believe Jesus when He said, "you will see the heavens open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man". I believe that, Hallelujah !

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2015/1/29 2:47

Hi Sister Ruthie,

I am late in seeing this thread. I prayed for you today and my wife and I will continue to remember you in prayer.

We know that God is the "great physician." You can rest in the comfort that God sees all, knows all and knows the end from the beginning. After all, a sparrow cannot fall without his notice and even the hairs on your head are numbered.

That said: Technology and medicine are always advancing. The "cure" rate for many forms of cancer is much higher than it was just a few decades ago.

With your diagnosis, I would urge you to find a doctor that you feel most comfortable with -- a Christian when you can find one. They may recommend treatments that sound foreign (e.g., "brachytherapy," etc...), but they are the treatments that are shown to be the most effective.

Sometimes, combinations of therapy are most effective. For instance, some cervical cancer patients being treated via brachytherapy might also be assisted with a simultaneous alternative or parallel treatment. In some cases (such as when brachytherapy cannot be administered), newer treatments -- like the non-invasive Cyberknife robotic radiosurgery -- can be effective.

My suggestion is that you, first of all, prayer and remain confident in God. Secondly, I would urge that you find a doctor that you both trust and feel confident with. You could even ask about treatments that you find online with your specific type of cancer. I would remind you that "time is of the essence." Cancer can spread quickly, so early treatment is almost always the most effective.

Finally, I know that I don't have to say much about this, but time is relative to the individual. When we are young and sitting in school, the school day used to seem like it would last forever as we waited for the bell to ring for the end of class. As we get older, that time seems to pass much more rapidly. When individuals are diagnosed with a disease that could potentially limit their lifespan, they see life and time through a new and unique perspective. The value of life is better understood and the relationships with our family is seen as much more precious than we often may have realized before.

In a strange sort of way, there is a blessing that comes from such a terrible diagnosis. We realize how fragile and temporary this thing called "life" is -- and we endeavor to make more contributions (especially on an eternal level) with it. We realize that, while dying is a gain for believers, we realize the meaning of the phrase "to live is Christ."

Please take comfort in these things. I am happy that you realize the good that will come out of this. All things work for good because you are in Christ Jesus. There are two types of life -- temporary and eternal. We see, feel and live in this temporary life in preparation for our eternal life on the other side of that glass darkly. What an awesome thought!

We will continue to pray for you, sister. We know that God sees, hears and knows you. We will ask that He direct you according to what is best for you. Be blessed!

Re: - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2015/1/29 12:10

Thank you so much for praying for me,
I keep thinking that Jeremiah 29:11-13 was given
To people who DID NOT want to go into a situation
-people who said, "okay God we will do whatever
You say"- but then when God says, "okay go to Babylon"
They say, "nope"

I feel like I can relate in that I do not want to fill my body with
poison, and have told God 'I'll do anything You say' and I feel like He's saying, 'go through it' - and I feel like I'm saying, "NOPE!"

But again I just am not sure.

I really want my ovary to be protected so that I don't have to go through man made hormone treatments, but I don't know if I can afford or if my ins will cover this to be done before I start.

I hate every thought of Chemo and radiation and what it does- but if God wants me to, please pray I'll obey.
Thanks again

Re: - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2015/1/29 12:11

Typed on an iPhone - GOD not God

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2015/1/30 10:24

God bless you Ruth...

Looks to me like the LORD is teaching you to hear his voice? and that is a wonderful thing. :-)

Take care...will pray for you as the Holy Spirit reminds me.

Sandra

Re: - posted by andres (), on: 2015/1/30 11:49

Dear Ruth,
a year and a half ago my wife had tumor in her lung, (stage 3) they removed the tumor, and she took six weeks of radiation.. which was Hard , physically, and emotionally (because she was in Houston and me and our boys were in Brownsville) .. she did well, but everybody reacts differently..

M. D Anderson was our Hospital , God Blessed us with great care their.

Biggest Lesson we Learned... God is loving and Sovereign and worry not about tomorrow

andy