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THE VICTORY

BELIEVE IT

Cancer is one of the major killers in the world. It is no respecter of persons but strikes the young, the old, the pauper and the royal, every strata of society. It just comes and hits you.

When cancer strikes a person, it is as if a death sentence has been pronounced over him. No matter how strong, how proud, how powerful or how great a position a man holds, how busy he is or how rich, his whole life changes. He will stop everything he is doing to concentrate on fighting this deadly disease.

I write from experience. Before I became a Christian, I lost my father, husband, cousin-in-law, brother-in-law, nephew-in-law, two nieces, friends and so many others to the curse of cancer. I saw them wasting away after going through radiotherapy or chemotherapy. I saw how they suffered and died in spite of all the hope they had placed on medical and other sources.

Desperate For Help

All of them depended on the doctors and drugs to give them hope. But sad to say, every one of them did not make it. They failed to get the help they cried for.

In desperation, most tried to find alternative means of healing. But the more they sought help from fortune-tellers, feng shui practitioners, mediums, astrologers, bomohs and the like, the more deceived they became, the more disillusioned and the more miserable.

Little did they know that in turning to these sources, they were indirectly invoking help from the powers of darkness.

And God spoke all these words, saying:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.” (Ex 20:1-5)

“You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.

Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing.” (Deut 7:25-26)

True blessing can only come from God.

The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it. (Prov 10:22)

I know many people desperately seeking healing. I too

went through a similar experience although I was not personally stricken with the disease.

Cancer Turns Your Whole Life Upside Down

I used to think that if I had a good education, found a good job, married a good husband, had a few children and earned lots of money to get a big house, two cars, two maids and a gardener, I would live happily ever after. I thought this was life.

God was so kind to me even before I was converted to Christianity. At a fairly early age, I had all those things I wanted. I was in my late twenties when my husband and I hired an architect to draw up plans and had a contractor build our dream house. After almost two years of planning and building, getting everything just right, we eventually moved in.

But I had no time to enjoy the house. My dad was stricken with cancer and the greater portion of my time was spent in and out of hospital, helping to look after him. In the end, the doctors gave up and we had to take him home. We watched our dad suffering and slowly dying.

Before I could sit down to really recover, my husband was diagnosed as having cancer. He was so healthy at the time and loved life. His close friend was a doctor so, just for fun, he let him feel for lumps around the throat. Because my father had just died of cancer, my husband thought he would have a check-up too. The friend's wife, also a doctor, made a second check.

Then she said, "I think you had better go to the hospital for a full check-up."

The result was positive. **Our whole lifestyle had to change.** Again, it was going in and out of hospital. In between running here and there, having no time even for the children, there was no opportunity to enjoy the house that we had taken great trouble to build. The hospital became my home and the

house became the place I visited.

I sought any help, medical or herbal, from the medium or the bomoh, from any source I could find. Receiving no help, I embraced Japanese Buddhism and began to chant day and night. **Finally, my husband still died.**

(More of my testimony is shared in the book, “When You Pray”, Chapter 2.)

All this happened before I came to know the Lord and the power of His healing. How I wish I had known the Lord earlier. Things would have been very different.

In Every Way, A Killer Disease

There was a time when people would try to keep the fact that they have cancer a secret. Nowadays, more and more people seem to be stricken with cancer. It is no longer an uncommon disease. It is, in fact, a major cause of death.

In spite of advances in medical research and technology, there are few cures available for cancer today. Most cancers remain incurable and those select few that are, require aggressive and potentially debilitating chemotherapy.

About the best that can be done for a cancer patient now, besides surgery, is to try to kill the malignant cells, either through radiotherapy or chemotherapy. However, these forms of treatment cannot tell the good cells from the bad cells. They end up killing the good with the bad. They may be likened to taking poison into the body in small doses and carry side effects that cause as much suffering as the cancer itself.

Cancer patients who go through radiotherapy or chemotherapy become more sick and miserable during treatment. They feel nauseous, lose their appetite and become weak. Their teeth are affected. They lose their hair and become dehydrated. They look haggard and terrible.

Cancer is a dreadful disease. The patient is completely the victim. He has no choice but to undergo the prescribed treatment, which is not a cure at all. He goes through such a lot of suffering and still may not make it. The chances of recovery at the mid to later stages of cancer are often very poor indeed, around 30% or less.

Survival is often diminished because by the time of discovery, microscopic cancer unseen by doctors, X-rays or scans have already spread to other parts of the body. This worsens the patient's condition and chances of survival. Already weakened, he is left with little chance of overcoming the disease. In fact, he might be healthier before the treatment than after he is treated.

Because they want to have healthy bodies, people are particular about what they eat. They are alarmed at insecticides on their fruits or vegetables and some do not mind spending more on organic vegetables and special food.

It is a real wonder to me to see how these same people would, on medical advice, agree to destroy their bodies with radiotherapy or chemotherapy. It is when a person is sick that he needs a healthy body to fight the disease. God created man perfect, good and healthy. **Satan came to steal, kill and destroy** (John 10:10).

If they had a choice, most patients would avoid taking the treatment. Many know that the treatment is not a cure. But they have no choice. The people of the world have no choice because they do not know God. They have nothing to rely on and have no real hope. But Christians can rely 100% on God to heal them.

The Cure For Cancer

I have good news for you, whether you are a Christian or not. I have found the cure for cancer.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE CURE FOR CANCER.

Jesus Christ came to bring us into a completely new realm of healing. This healing is from the Lord God Himself. It is received by faith and carries no side effects. It is healing by the power of God and Jesus Christ is the Healer.

Jesus Christ came to fulfil Scripture.

*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. (Is 53:5)*

When Jesus went to the cross, He bore **our sins and our sicknesses** upon Himself. We only have to believe and receive Jesus as our Saviour to get saved. **Similarly, we only have to believe and receive Jesus as our Healer to get healed.**

Isaiah declared that by His stripes, we are healed. Matthew confirmed it:

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." (Matt 8:16-17)

Although there were physicians around during Jesus' time, we do not read about Him consulting any of them about healing. Why would He have needed to? He Himself was the Healer.

The only time Jesus sent His 'patients' away to see someone else was when He told the healed leper to see the priest i.e., a servant of God, not a physician.

And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately the leprosy left him.

And He charged him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.” (Luke 5:12-14)

The man was told to **make an offering for his cleansing, not to go and get further treatment.** The priest was to examine him and pronounce him cleansed (Lev 14:2-32). This was to testify that God had healed him.

He had been considered unclean and carried a bell to warn people to keep away from him. He had lived outside the city. Now he was normal again and could be integrated back into society.

When “the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery” on the island of Malta, Luke the physician was present. But it was Paul the apostle who “went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him”.

Such was the impact of this instance of divine healing that “the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed”. Luke observed and recorded this when he wrote the book of Acts (Acts 28:8-9).

Why did James not tell us to send the sick to physicians? Because he knew the word of God, that only **Jesus has authority over sickness, disease and death. Jesus has given this same authority to the church.** That was why James said:

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (James 5:13-16)

God's Supernatural Healing Power

I am sharing about divine healing, about the healing that comes directly from above – from God Who is our Maker, Healer and Deliverer. **There is no comparison to the power of God.** His healing is free and without side effects.

For all his advancement in knowledge, man has yet to find a cure for cancer, and many other diseases. Why is this so? Because man is limited. Man does not have the answer **but God has the answer because He is God. He is the creator of man.**

Jesus not only heals but He also came to give us life and life abundantly (John 10:10). Tell me, today, **who can give life? Only Jesus.** Why is that so? Because He is God. He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Rom 8:11)

The same Spirit Who was in Jesus is now living in us. That is why He told us that we would do even greater things than He did.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” (John 14:12)

This means we can operate in the area of healing just as Jesus did. He healed supernaturally by the power of God.

Jesus' disciples brought healing to others in the same way He did – supernaturally. Just as Jesus had said, their healing work was greater than His own. The sick lined the streets just so that “the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them” (Acts 5:15).

Paul too was powerfully used of God.

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. (Acts 19:11,12)

Today, we are not achieving the same results as Jesus and the early church did although we are supposed to be living in the latter days of greater glory (Hag 2:9). Why? Because we would rather live in the natural than in the supernatural realm that God has made available to us. The whole book of Acts is about the supernatural. And we are still meant to live in the supernatural today.

As Christians, we are to live by faith and not by sight (2 Cor 5:7). We are to live by every word of God, not of man (Luke 4:4). We are so comfortable, however, with our present lifestyles that even when Jesus Christ Himself has shown us the pattern of His lifestyle, we are not willing to follow it.

Some of the greatest hindrances to our obedience are in the area of healing.

Power And Authority To Heal The Sick

Two thousand years ago, people were also afflicted with many kinds of sicknesses and diseases. Multitudes needed healing. And **Jesus healed the multitudes**, even before He went to the cross.

*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, **and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.***

*Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; **and He healed them.** (Matt 4:23-24)*

He expected His disciples to do the same.

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.” (Matt 10:1,7,8; see also Mark 3:13-15 and Luke 9:1,2,6))

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

“And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” (Luke 10:1,9,17)

From these Bible verses, it is clear that when Jesus called His disciples (first, the 12; then, the 70) and sent them out to preach, the first thing Jesus did was to give them power and authority over all demons and to heal the sick.

Why? Because He knew that **preaching involved not only the words spoken by man but also the power of God. Preaching must confront the powers of darkness and set people free from demonic forces.** Men and women bound by Satan are oppressed, diseased, afflicted, sick and possessed. They have to be set free and healed to be able to receive His abundant life.

Jesus said, **“The thief 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”** (John 10:10).

*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, **that He might destroy the works of the devil.** (1 John 3:8b)*

Jesus came to destroy the works of the thief i.e., the devil. He came to give life. Yet when you tell even Christians that Jesus

heals today, they find it so hard to believe.

Jesus told His disciples, “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19).

Jesus has given us power not only over demons **but also over all the power of the enemy**. That includes power over death.

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Spiritual Weapons To Fight Spiritual Enemies

How did Jesus heal the epileptic boy in Matt 17:14-21? Through deliverance. Jesus rebuked the demon that had caused the epilepsy and the severe suffering, and it came out of the boy. “And the child was cured from that very hour.” The Bible called the boy’s deliverance a cure.

Why are so many sicknesses not cured through medical science? **Because their root causes are not medical**. There are spiritual causes behind these sicknesses and diseases. They need to be dealt with by spiritual means, the healing power of our great and mighty God.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:12)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. (Eph 6:10)

Because we are fighting a spiritual battle, our weapons cannot be physical but must be spiritual.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds. (2 Cor 10:3-4)

That is why Jesus commanded His disciples not to do anything until they received power from on high.

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me." (Acts 1:4)

"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

We can only be effective when we have the power of God. Otherwise, we will misrepresent the God that we serve. There is no other god except our Almighty God. **With Him, nothing is impossible** (Luke 1:37).

But we have made our God too small. The Lord of Glory is not being glorified in our midst. Because we have not obeyed in bringing healing to the multitudes, the church today is bombarded by sickness, just like the people of the world.

Why? Because if we as a church do not take authority over sickness and disease, these enemies will overcome us.

But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.

Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them. (Num 33:55-56)

How One Woman Received Her Healing

In Matt 10:7-8, Jesus told His disciples that as they went preaching the Kingdom of Heaven, they were also to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out demons. "Freely you have received, freely give."

Nowadays, people have to pay enormous sums of money to get treatment, especially if an operation or expensive drugs are required. Some have to go overseas for medical help. Some have to ask for support from charity. Others have to borrow or mortgage their houses to pay their expenses.

Yet they will do so. Many die even after spending so much money. When they die, their families have to bear the burden of settling the expenses. The problems of those struck with cancer also affect their families and friends. Cancer takes a toll on many lives.

Does this not remind us of the occasion in the Bible when the woman with the blood issue (some say it was leukaemia) came to Jesus? Afflicted for 12 years, she had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

I do not know how she suffered but she suffered. I have seen how cancer patients suffer. Even when they pay large sums of money, they suffer. At least the woman with the flow of blood realised that her suffering would end when she touched Jesus.

*Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had **suffered many things from many physicians**. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.*

When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

*And Jesus, **immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him**, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"*

But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had

happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

*And He said to her, “**Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.**” (Mark 5:25-34)*

I believe this woman had lost all hope. But when **she heard about Jesus and all the miracles He did, her hopes went up again.** I believe the testimonies she had heard of **others being healed gave her the faith to believe that Jesus could heal her.**

She was so eager to meet Him.

The day came when Jesus passed by on His way to Jairus' house to heal his seriously ill daughter. So what did the woman do? She determined to push her way through the crowd and touch His clothes. She wanted her healing. **She said to herself, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”**

In spite of the crowd surrounding Jesus, she **pushed her way through.** She **touched His clothes.** Because she was suffering from an overflow of blood and was considered unclean, she dared not touch Jesus Himself. But she thought if she only touched His clothes, no one would know. Sure enough, immediately, the flow of blood dried up. She was instantly healed.

Suddenly, she had felt power flow through her. At the same time, Jesus felt power leave Him. How could this happen?

Her faith in Jesus alone opened the door for the power of God to be released to her. Her faith lifted her up to the level of the supernatural whereby **she touched the supernatural power of the Son of God.** He had come for this very purpose: to destroy the works of the devil, to give abundant life.

Jesus immediately knew in Himself that someone had touched Him because He had **felt power going out of Him.** **This power was the abundant life of God. When this life**

flowed through the woman, all disease disappeared. The abundant life was the life of God flowing through her.

And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. (Ezek 47:9)

Wherever the river flows, life takes place. This river is the water of the Holy Spirit.

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive. (John 7:38-39a)

When the woman admitted that she was the one who had touched Jesus, He told her that it was her faith that had made her well.

How did she receive her healing? She was desperate. She acted on her faith. She did not allow the crowd to discourage or hinder her. The crowd could not stop her. She pushed her way through until she could touch His clothes. She was determined. And she received her healing.

Man will do anything and pay anything in his search to get the right treatment. **Yet all he has to do is to come to the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and freely receive what He had died to freely give him 2,000 years ago on the cross – healing not only for man’s body but also for man’s spirit and soul.**

Be desperate, seek God with all your heart and you too will receive your healing.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess 5:23)

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in **health**, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 2)*