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A Difficult Time Can Be A Blessing August 2009



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there was no diagnosis, but we knew the tumor needed to be removed.

In March, I had some surgery where the tumor was removed. A couple of days after the surgery, I got a call from the doctor saying that the tumor was in fact cancer. It was an aggressive form of cancer that has a tendency to run up the Aorta and even into the brain.

Because of this I had to immediately have a CT scan and blood work so the doctors could determine if the cancer had indeed traveled up the Aorta and into the brain. Thankfully the tests that were run showed no evidence of this happening. We were so thankful for that.

This has been a year I don't think I will ever forget. I wish I could tell you that it has been the greatest year of my life, but that is not exactly how I would describe it.

In January, I discovered a lump that was causing me a good deal of pain. In February after a few ultrasounds, the Urologist confirmed that it was a tumor. Now at this point

For that reason, in April I had another surgery where 30 lymph nodes were removed from the back of my abdomen. The purpose of doing this surgery was to test those lymph nodes to see if they were infected with the cancer.

Depending on how many lymph nodes were infected that would help determine not only the stage of the cancer, but also the most appropriate treatment following the surgery.

The good news is that the surgery was successful, and only one out of thirty lymph nodes were infected with the cancer. This also means that the doctors are not recommending treatments like Chemotherapy at this time. They believe that there is a 50-70% chance that all of the cancer is gone. They are monitoring me very aggressively with tests and scans every couple of months. I had my first round

of testing several weeks ago and thankfully they have come back clean.

So I want to thank all of you who have prayed for me and my family during this difficult time. I wanted to also thank those of you who have supported Steve Freeman Ministries financially during these past months.

Even though I was out of commission and not able to preach for several months, God used individuals and churches to provide for us financially and we are so grateful. I am glad to report that I am back to preaching and thankfully have a pretty full schedule this fall.

We would appreciate your continued prayers for our health, family, and ministry. Through all of this, God has certainly blessed us and is teaching all of us some lessons.

1. **That God is in control, not me.**
2. **That life is a gift, so don't waste it.**
3. **That people are precious, so let them know it.**
4. **That God is faithful, so trust Him.**

A Look At The Lighter Side

Well I have done it. I have been inducted into a club that I never wanted to join. The truth is, no one in this particular club wanted to be in it. This club encompasses the vast number of people in our nation and around this

world who are battling cancer.

Now most of you know that I have Cerebral Palsy, and in my mind, I have always thought that was enough. That is even what I told God after my diagnosis. But, apparently God didn't

see it quite that way. I was speaking with my brother-in-law recently and he said "I have a new name for you". I said "what is it?" He said "CP Squared. I said, "what does that mean?" He said "it stands for Cerebral Palsy and Cancer Patient."

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First Annual Golf Tournament

Now I know if you look at the picture on the right, I certainly look like a golfer. The truth is, I don't play but about once or twice a year, and my scorecard reflects that.

I did play in a tournament a few years ago. As I was at the registration table filling out the appropriate information, a gentleman standing behind me in line asked, "Do you play a lot of golf?" I said "no," and then he asked, "Well, what is your handicap?" I turned around and replied, "Cerebral Palsy?"

I had some friends with me at the tournament that thought that was hilarious. I did enjoy playing in the tournament, and recently one of my Board Members suggested to me that we have a Steve Freeman Ministry Golf Tournament. Come and join us for a great afternoon of fun.

Date: October 3, 2009

Where: Prince George Golf Course, (10 miles east of Petersburg, Va. On Rt. 460 East)

Entry Fee: \$70.00 (\$60.00 if paid by Sept. 10) This includes:

- Green Fees and cart for 18 holes of Golf, "Captains Choice."
- Lunch and Dinner
- Putting Contest
- Goody Bag
- Soft Drink Beverage Cart
- Steve Freeman CD
- Prizes for the top two teams in two flights.

Players: 24 teams, so first come, first served. (contact us for info.)



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