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Negotiating With God

1. God is okay with you negotiating with Him.
2. If God doesn't answer like you want, it doesn't mean he doesn't like you.

2 Kings 16:2-4 / 2 Kings 18:1-7 / 2 Kings 20:1-6 / John 16:24 / Matthew 7:7 / Psalm 5:1-3 / James 1:2-4 / James 1:12 / 1 Peter 1:6-7

Michael's story . . .

I am a 45 year old married Canyon Springer with 2 boys Tyler (8) and Dylan (6). My wife Thais and I have lived here in Scripps Ranch since 2003 and we have been married 20 years. We have been attending Canyon Springs for almost 2 years now. My story is about how GOD has impacted my life to help me overcome living with terminal brain cancer....and how He created a miracle.

In August of 2016, I suffered a gran mal seizure at work for 20 minutes flopping around like a caught fish in a boat. I was rushed to Sharp hospital, where they performed MR and CT scans, and ordered a surgery to obtain a biopsy. I was diagnosed with Grade IV Glioblastoma, the same brain cancer we've lost to John McCain, Ted Kennedy and one of Joe Biden's sons. It's a terminal cancer with no cure, and 14 months average life expectancy, with only 5% living after 5 years.

I immediately pursued treatment at UCSF and UCSD, both known for their brain cancer centers. I had survived the first brain surgery to get the biopsy, but had to go in a second time to get the surgery to remove the brain tumor. I had the best surgeon in the west at UCSF and unfortunately during the surgery he found my brain to be infected, and therefore could not continue with rescinding the tumor. This was horrible news, as all recommended best practices for this deadly cancer is to remove the tumor before doing any chemo or radiation. And most clinical trials required that I have it removed to be eligible for them.

So upon returning to San Diego, instead of being able to start right away with chemo and radiation in my limited time of 14 months, I had to spend 1 month treating myself with a pic line into my chest pumping high-grade antibiotics into my body to kill the bacteria infection. It was extremely disappointing to not be able to start attacking the tumor right away....BUT GOD had a plan for me, and friends of friends did and the local SR Soccer teams from OLD Pros put on a tournament to show support. It was so touching to feel this energy and support, it really filled me with peace and love. It was GOD at work.

Michael's story continued . . .

In December 2016, it was time to take my first MRI scan after my chemo/radiation....and by miracle of GOD, it came back clear....the tumor had disappeared from my front right lobe. To put this into perspective, most surgeries don't even get rid of the entire tumor...and especially without a surgery, chemo and radiation had a long shot of ridding the tumor entirely. But that is exactly what happened....a true miracle of GOD, and it has now been 2 ¼ years of being tumor free. Every 2 months I have to check in and receive a MRI (because the chance of it returning is EXTREMELY high)....and every time I look to GOD, I pray and I stabilize myself with His power to keep fighting and believe...and each time, it comes back clean.

I am a living miracle of GOD and for that I sing the praises....ALL GLORY to GOD, AMEN.

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