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Life is Precious – Handle with Prayer

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Dear Lake Church Family,

It has been several months since I last wrote for our newsletter, and I have thought of you all so often. Following my last surgery at the end of March, I returned home after traveling for treatment and hospitalization to recover. As I reflected in my last letter, it was a season of waiting and uncertainty, which now brings me to today.

I have wonderful news to share with you all: after four long years of trials, I have received a miraculous healing and am now walking without pain!

Over these past years, I underwent a hip replacement, two orthopedic reconstructive surgeries to remove and replace loose hardware, and finally, a four-hour vascular operation. My recovery has been so remarkable that it has baffled many doctors—and, I have to admit, even me at times. God truly is the Way Maker and Miracle Worker!

I have spent the past few months recovering and adjusting, as the surgeries were such a tremendous shock to both my body and mind. To be upright again and moving through the world—wow! With the utmost care, support, and love from my family, dear friends, and the Lake Church family, I am pleased to report that I am doing very well. I am deeply grateful for the countless hours, prayers, and resources that so many have invested in my recovery, including our very special MJ, who cared for me with constant love and attentiveness. What a sweet sister in Christ she is, and how blessed I am to be part of such a wonderful church family.

I am exceedingly grateful to be able to share this news with all of you who have been praying faithfully for me these past four years. Through major surgeries, traveling for treatment, countless appointments and procedures, and the



Dr. Jim Brown, Pastor

relentless, debilitating pain I endured, your cards, messages, encouragement, and prayers lifted me up each day and helped me hold on to God's promise of complete healing.

As I surrendered and accepted life in a wheelchair, I often prayed simply for relief from the nerve pain so I could sit comfortably again and return to church. During that time, I sensed the Lord urging me to persevere and remain in His Word. So that is exactly what I did. Every morning I devoted my best hours to studying the Bible, and He faithfully gave me the strength to continue through my desert season—albeit in the humid Everglades of Florida!

By spending time in Scripture each day, I received an incredible gift: a deeper relationship with Jesus. He encouraged me, gave me hope, and shaped my character through every trial. He deepened the roots of my faith while teaching me patience, endurance, empathy, and compassion.

As Paul writes in Romans 5:3–5: ***“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”***

This is why we rejoice always—and pray without ceasing!

I treasure the deeper relationship I have built with my Savior, Jesus Christ. My life has been transformed by His love through the valley. He truly is the Good Shepherd, and I am so thankful that He continues His work within me.

Sometimes the answer to our prayers looks very different from what we expect or hope for, yet it is always perfect because our Lord is perfect. What a comfort that is during the storms of life.

Today, I am joyfully walking about two miles each day and can sit without pain. While attending outpatient rehabilitation, I was able to walk into a local church on Sundays and worship the Lord with fellow believers. I stood there singing with tears of joy streaming down my face. Something I had longed to do for several years was finally happening.

Thank You, Jesus!

God hears every prayer. We must never mistake delay for denial, but instead recognize that He is often strengthening our faith in our weakness. His love for each of us is infinite. He knows exactly where we need to grow, shaping us patiently and lovingly into the people He created us to be. He knows our hearts completely. All we need to do is lay everything before Him.

The Lord continues to give me opportunities to share Jesus with anyone willing to hear my testimony—and there have been many. Every seed planted belongs to Him. I have encountered so many people these past months who are open to learning about Jesus... those who believed they were not good enough, those who had been told they were too far gone, and those carrying deep hurts. I am so grateful to know my Savior and Redeemer and so honored to share the goodness of God with our world.

All glory belongs to our faithful and sovereign Lord, Jesus Christ.

“Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people. Do not pray for tasks equal to your power; pray for power equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.”

— Phillips Brooks

In God’s infinite wisdom, He sometimes says, “No,” “Not yet,” “Get to work,” and, at times, “Yes.” Let us remember that our Heavenly Father always desires what is best for His children.

May we continue to spread the Good News, love Jesus, and love others.

To the friendliest, most joyful church family I know — Lake Church, San Marcos

With love and gratitude,

Amy