

Facing Cancer Recurrence, 'God's Not Going to Waste This,' Pastor Says

'Pastor Matt Miklasz has not only faced trials; he's in the midst of them right now. One of his sons was born with a heart defect that required more than one surgery. Several years ago, Miklasz himself received a diagnosis of LGL leukemia, and in 2015, during a routine colonoscopy, doctors discovered he also had colorectal cancer. On the "Hope Through Cancer" podcast on Charisma News, he shares that just one week ago, physicians at Mayo Clinic told him about another tumor, this time on his liver.

But Miklasz faces his trials with faith—and the honesty to admit his fears. In fact, his cancer journey has changed his prayer life. "The Psalms are filled ... with conversations with God that were real, honest," he says. Prior to his experiences with cancer, Miklasz thought about his doubts and fears, but "I didn't give voice to them in my prayer life. And boy, was I missing out," he says.

Once he began a more honest communication with God in prayer, "It's been healthier for me spiritually," Miklasz says. Cancer, he explains, has deepened his walk with God. He and his wife, Cyndy, detail that in their new book, *Joy for the Journey*. The book's subtitle, "How to Walk Through Your Trials in a Healthy Way," defines his perspective for his walk, no matter what the future may bring.

"God's not going to waste this; He's going to use this trial for His glory and His purposes. And in light of that, we just want to cooperate with how God would want to use it," Miklasz says.

To learn more about Pastor Matt Miklasz and how to walk

through trials in a healthy way, listen to the podcast below.