

Fighting Cancer, Anne Graham Lotz Is 'Raising Hallelujah in the Face of the Enemy'

"[Jehoshaphat] appointed singers for the Lord and those praising Him in holy attire as they went before those equipped for battle ... When they began singing and praising, the Lord set ambushes against [those] who had come against Judah; so they were defeated" (2 Chron. 20:21-11).

While praying with my two daughters following my fifth chemo treatment, God seemed to indicate He had healed me. Cleansed me. Removed cancer from me.

I pondered in my heart what I believe He had said. The numbers from my blood draw before the sixth treatment were all remarkably good. So after my sixth treatment, I began questioning whether or not I should continue chemo if, in fact, I were already healed.

The weakness and weariness have been debilitating. The side effects have been daunting. I did not want to continue treatments if they were unnecessary.

One morning, I decided to pray specifically, asking God to confirm from His Word whether or not I was to continue chemo treatments if I were already healed.

Two hours later, my daughter, Rachel-Ruth, came to sit with me. She shared some of her insights from 2 Kings 5 that she was to teach her Bible class that week and related the story of the Syrian general, Naaman, who had leprosy. A little Israelite slave girl told Naaman about Elisha, a man of God, who could heal him. When Naaman sought Elisha, he was told, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be

returned and cleansed" (2 Kings 5:10).

Naaman resisted, saying that Syria had better rivers than the Jordan. He did not want to submit himself to the "side effects" of muck and mud. But at his servant's urging, Naaman did dip in the Jordan. When he came up the seventh time, he was healed! *The seventh time!*

I could hear the clear whisper of the Spirit, answering my prayer, confirming that I was to continue chemo ... my next and last full treatment would be my *seventh time!*

So as much as I resist the muck and mud, in obedience to God's leading to complete the seventh infusion on Feb. 14, I am committed to seeing these treatments through to the end.

So if you, too, are facing a giant of unbelief, or cancer, or fear, or depression, or despair or failure, join me in raising hallelujah in the face of the enemy! {eo}

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