

Healed!

by Mike Tucker *

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present or the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, not anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38, 39 NIV

A pastor friend wrote to tell me about a woman he heard about who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Her doctors tried everything to defeat the cancer—chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation therapy. The congregation prayed earnestly for her. Nothing seemed to eliminate the cancer. Weeks stretched into months, with no signs of healing. Then the woman stood up in church one week and reported that God has healed her. Everyone in the service rejoiced over the unexpected good news.

The woman explained what she meant. She said that although she had not been healed of cancer, God had given her what she called “a healing of acceptance.” She reported that she had surrendered her cancer to the Lord, and that He had given her peace of heart and mind that she had not previously known in this matter. The woman eventually passed away, but her testimony about accepting the reality of her death was remembered by members of the church for many years. Her story would be told over and over again, encouraging others who had been tempted to give up on God to continue to place their trust in Him for their present and future.

My pastor friend concluded, “I have come to understand that whatever life throws at me, the greatest peace comes when I accept God’s will for my life and realize that He always does what is best for me in terms of now and eternity.”

With love,
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