

GOD SENT HIS WORD AND HEALED



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TOOK OUR
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SICKNESSES...Psalm
107:20, Isaiah 53:5,
Matthew 8:17

This letter was excerpted
from Pastor Joel
Osteen's book *Your
Best Life Now*, which is
a testimony about His
mother who was
gradually healed from
her terminal liver cancer
through her strong faith
in the power of the
Word of God.

In 1981, my Mother, Dodie Osteen, was diagnosed with Cancer and given just a few weeks to live. I'll never forget the shock that news was to our family. I had never seen my Mother sick one day in all my life. She was extremely healthy and active. She loved being outdoors, working in the yard, and working her flower beds.

I was away at college when the doctor's report came. My brother Paul called me and said, "Joel, Mother is very, very sick. She's losing weight. Her skin is yellow, and she's extremely weak: something is seriously wrong with her."

Mother was hospitalized for twenty-one days, while the doctors ran test after test. Finally, they came back with the dreaded report that Mother had Metastatic Cancer of the liver. They called my dad out into the hallway and said, "Pastor, we hate to tell you this, but your wife has only a few weeks to live." Not months, weeks! Medical science had reached the limits of what they could do. The best and brightest doctors in the world had exhausted their efforts, so they basically sent our Mom home to die!

We expressed our sincere appreciation to the doctors and hospital staff for their hard work, but we refused to accept their opinions.

I'm grateful for the doctors, hospitals, medicine and science, but the medical professionals can present only what their medical charts tell them. Thank God, you and I can appeal to a higher Authority! We can always have another report! God's Report says, "I will restore Health unto thee and heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord!" Jeremiah 30:17

We serve a Supernatural God! He is not limited to the laws of nature. He can do what human beings cannot do! He can make a way in our lives where it looks like there IS no Way!

That's what we prayed that Jesus would do in my Mother's life.

Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts!" Zechariah 4:6

"I shall Live and not Die but Live to declare the works of the Lord!" Psalm 118:17

And my Mother never gave up! She refused to speak words of defeat. She didn't complain about how sick or weak she felt, or how awful her life was, or how hopeless her situation looked. She chose to put God's words in her mind and in her mouth!

She started speaking faith-filled words! She started calling in her health and calling in Healing! All during the day, we'd hear her going through the house speaking aloud, "I will live and not die, that I might declare the works of the Lord." And many other healing and faith filled verses. She was like a walking Bible! Psalm 118:17

I would say, "Mother how are you doing," and she would say, Joel I'm strong in the Lord and the power of His might!" Zechariah 4:6

She poured over the Bible and found about 30 or forty favorite passages or Scriptures concerning healing. She wrote them down, and every day, she would read them and boldly declare them aloud. We would see her walking up and down the driveway saying, "With long life, He satisfies me and shows me His Salvation." Psalm 91:16

She mixed her words with God's Words, and something powerful began to happen! Her circumstances began to change. Not overnight, but little by little, she began to feel better. She got her appetite back and she started gaining weight . Slowly but surely, her strength returned.

What was happening? God was watching over His Word to perform it. God was restoring health to her and healing her of her wounds!

A few weeks went by and Mother got a little better. A few months went by and she was even better. A few years went by, and she kept on confessing God's Word.

Today it has been over twenty years since we received the report that Mother had just a few weeks to live, and as I write these words, Mother is totally free from that Cancer, healed by the power of God's Word !

She is confessing God's Word in 2010...30 years later. She gets up every morning and reviews those Scriptures on the subject of healing. She still speaks those words of faith, victory, and health over her life. She won't leave the house until she does it! Mother refuses to give the enemy a foothold!

Mother used her words to change her world, and you can do the same thing! God is a miracle working God! He knows what you are going through, and He will not let you down. Hebrews 13:5. He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24. If you will Trust Him and start speaking words of Faith, your circumstances will begin to change!

I pray that all who read these words will realize the life-changing power that God has given each of us, and will then put their Trust in Jesus for His healing power Alone! Jesus loves you and He wants to heal you, and to God be the Glory!

