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## 一切都在主耶穌的手中

顏張淑娟  
Kien Vilay

時間過得真快，我們從聖荷西搬到猶如世外桃園般的蒙恩山 (Morgan Hill) 已經三個多月了。總覺得是在做夢，這怎麼可能是真的呢？但是我們確實是住在一間寬闊、又漂亮、而且是全新的房子裡！實在太神奇了！這不就是人人都希望能得到所謂的“心想事成”與“美夢成真”之事嗎？

### 該搬家了

經過漫長六年多的銀行次房貸房屋泡沫事件，灣區的房屋市價終於回升了，並且房子供不應求，十分搶手。

外子的牧會理念就是我們的住家盡可能住靠近教會，靠近弟兄姊妹。經過禱告後，我們很清楚是時候該搬家了。

2012年9月底，我們的房子上市了，我們預算在一個月內成交，兩個月就可以搬家了！人算不如天算呀！我們用了一年六個月的時間才賣掉房子。我們開的房價本來是要虧十萬美元的，最終賣出的價錢不只沒有虧反而比原價高！神的作為是何等奇妙！在賣房子這件事上，神讓我們經歷到祂的帶領、同在與大能。讓我們深深體驗到神的意念高過我們的意念，我們的好處不在祂以外。

### 神說：伸冤在我

當房子第一次上市兩個星期，我們開始在蒙恩山 (Morgan Hill) 找房子。我們看上了一間在 East Dunne 路上的新房子，我們是他們的第一個客戶簽約，合約的條件等

待我們賣了舊房子再買新的。兩個星期後，由於舊房子沒有按著 Salesman 的時間賣掉，他竟然要我們解雇我們的 Listing Agent，認為她不夠好也不夠經驗；要我們請他的太太做！因為我們不同意，我們的合約竟然被他解除了。我們當時很平靜告訴他：“沒有問題的，一切都在主耶穌我們神的手中，若是祂的旨意，我們必定得到”。一個月後接到另一個 Salesman 來電，得知前任的 Salesman 被炒魷魚了！神說：「伸冤在我，我必報應」。我們相信神已經在蒙恩山為我們預備了住處。

## 福杯滿溢

神說有就有。在祂沒有難成的事！一年六個月之後，神果然把我們喜歡的房子賜給我們。是這建築商的最後一棟！之前神用祂奇妙的方法攔阻了三次合約，原來神要把上好的留給我們！是出乎我們意料之外，並超過我們所求所想的！沒求沒想的神也都賜給我們。神的恩典滿滿傾倒在我們身上，我們真是感恩不盡！



# 最美的祝福

李璐葳  
Amy Li

我成長在無神論背景的環境中，曾經不信神、不信鬼、不信風水、也不信星座，覺得這一切都是迷信。但是萬萬沒有想到的是，以前什麼都不信的我，來美國之後卻成為了一名信神的基督徒。

對我來說，走進教會的經歷是奇妙而難忘的。在二零一二年初的一個周日的早晨，我做了一個奇妙的夢，夢中我在一個黑暗的仿佛是隧道的地方找不到出路，突然我聽見有好多聲音包圍著我，一直對我說“去教堂！去教堂！去教堂！”，同時我也感覺到一股強大的暖流推動著我一直向前，直到黑暗的盡頭，我看見一座白色的小教堂，頓時一片光明。醒來之後，我就對我先生說，我們找個機會，去教會看看吧。雖然在做了那個夢之後，

我和我先生就說好一起去教會，可是我們的惰性阻止了我們。周日的早晨，總是喜歡在家裏睡個懶覺，幾周之後，一個機緣巧合我認識了一個朋友，朋友邀請我們參加一個華人教會的活動，就這樣，我們第一次走進了教會。回想起來，我真是感恩，感謝神！冥冥之中把我找尋，帶我出黑暗入光明，引領我到教會來認識他。

初到教會時，我對基督信仰並沒有什麼了解，而且持無神論的觀點，並不相信鬼神。後來通過聽牧師的講道，和教會弟兄姐妹的見證，慕道班的學習，覺得有神論的觀點也不無道理，似乎也無法反駁，我心中的無神論開始動搖，對神心存懷疑。然而當我聽到基督信仰中有關於宇宙的起源，生命的來源，生命的意義和真理時，我被吸引了，這些問題激起了我對基督信仰的興趣。我開始閱讀《聖經》，參加查經班，在網上查找資料，思考掙紮了好一段時間，我漸漸地發現越了解越能確信神的存在，後來我堅定信心，接受了主耶穌基督的救贖，成為一名基督徒。我深刻地體會到我信主的這個過程印證了福音書中主耶穌所說的“你們祈求，就給你們，尋找，就尋見，叩門，就給你們開門。”（太7:7）我以前覺得宗教信仰只是人需要的一種精神安慰，是人自己虛構出來的，感

性上可以接受，可是理性上說不過去，其實這只是對基督信仰無知的一種偏見。走進教會的收穫遠遠超過我的想象。

信神、接受主耶穌的救贖之後，我的人生開始被改變。我體會到認識神之後，我才真正認識了自己。以前我覺得自己從來沒做過壞事，是一個善良正直的人，可是通過讀《聖經》，對人性有更深刻的了解，我也看見自己的軟弱和心中的罪，不敢再自誇，漸漸地放下驕傲。成為基督徒之後，我的世界觀、人生觀和價值觀也都發生了顛覆性的變化。我重新認識了世界、生命和死亡，對很多事都有了不同的看法和理解，我的人生不再像以前那樣空虛迷茫，我找到了生命的意義和永恒的盼望。現在遇到生活中的困難時，我感覺到不是一個人面對，知道自己有依靠，學習借著禱告把重擔交托給神，倚靠主，內心平安很多。

《聖經》上說“我們都如羊走迷，各人偏行己路。”（賽53:6）我覺得我也像是走迷的一只小羊，感謝主耶穌基督這位好牧人把我找回，帶領我走一條永生的道路，讓我在生活中的大事小事中真真實實地經歷他的恩典和信實。感謝神，走進教會是我人生蒙福的開始，認識主耶穌基督是我一生中最美的祝福。



# *My Salvation Testimony*

—— 陳興洋 *Matthew Chan*

**M**y first exposure to God was through Sunday School during my late elementary school years. I was introduced to the Bible, but I was disinterested because I was busy with other things. Being raised as a farmer's son, I wanted to pursue "bigger" things in life so I won't have to repeat the same fate as my parents. And certainly I didn't see how Christianity can help me realize my dreams. Christianity sounded like some outdated cultural practice, with unverified stories and zero evidence. My mom finally stopped forcing me to go, and left my fate up to God. The years afterward, I was strongly influenced in academic competition, and self-comfort that I never thought much about Christianity. Looking back, I can see how foolish my thinking was. Even if Christianity wasn't true, how could I ignore the all-important question of what happens to me after death. All the work I was doing to secure my future was only covering the immediate life, and I gave no weight to the question of death.

In college, I began to see that everything I wanted in life was so temporary and offered no sense of fulfillment. I craved admiration and praise for my academic success, but it was not good enough -there was always someone out-competing me. I saw the lives of wealthy people and wondered why wealth wasn't enough to satisfy them. It seemed like wealth was always relative to people, so not even the wealthiest could be satisfied. I looked at romance as well, but the statistics were shocking, as 50%

of marriages in the U.S. ended up in a divorce. And that seemed to be all that life offered; wealth, comfort, and family. I knew that even if someone successfully obtained all these things, it could not stand the test of time. Once death is given the proper consideration, everything in life seemed to be meaningless. Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes 1:14 put it best: "I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind."

Another thing clicked as my intellectual questions about Christianity were getting answered was that I realized science didn't have all the answers. From logical reasoning, it seemed like a far more likely explanation that the universe had a creator, rather than other explanations like the universe existed forever, or the universe didn't need a start. "A case for Easter" convinced me of the resurrection account. This was the clincher, as it was the most powerful evidence for the validity of Christianity.

I also saw my sinfulness much more clearly. All it took was reflection and honesty. I thought I was a good person because I used my own standards of right and wrong for judgment. I zoomed out to what God saw, and recognized I was rotten to the core. The best analogy I heard was a scenario where all my thoughts were shown on a big movie screen where everyone I knew was invited to view. It would have been completely humiliating, but it is indeed what God sees. I could hide it from people, but if

there is really a God, then none of us can consider ourselves good people because he discerns our hearts (Hebrews 4:12).

The last barrier I overcame was seeing how Jesus fits into the picture. I was convinced intellectually but unable to connect emotionally. One verse stuck out during this time was Romans 5:8, "For while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." And there is no greater love than this, Christ died so that my fate would be reversed. This offer was too good to refuse and I made my salvation decision one night when I just thought that there was nothing to lose, and it all made sense.

After becoming a Christian, life got harder. Of course the Bible never promises an easier life through becoming a Christian. In fact Luke 9:23 says, "that whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." But this was something that I had to continue to struggle with, since I always wanted comfort, and did not want to deny myself. I was still so invested in the world, and I struggled with the idea of Lordship-giving Jesus complete and total control of my life. I got a wake-up call during this time through reading a book about Salvation. In it the author referenced Matthew 7:21-23 where Jesus turns away people who claimed to have prophesied in his name. He says, "I never knew you. Away from me you evil-doers." I realized that even all the evangelism I did, and the service I gave to God were not enough. It was only through being known by Jesus-having a personal relationship with him. This is something I strive for more than anything in life, to continue to walk with Jesus, trying to offer myself as a living sacrifice to his will.

I realize that my life is his, and it is so much better than what I could have imagined for myself. I thought about how many of my hopes and dreams weren't and will never be realized. But this is actually a blessing because I have such small dreams and visions for myself. God called me to something greater, and I can't believe I get to be a part of that. Currently being a youth teacher, I am so privileged to try and prepare messages every Sunday. I realize that we can carry nothing with us to heaven, and the only things that really matter in the end are people and relationships.



## 福恩滿溢

——袁明倫 Grace Yuan

**我**的父親是一位非常虔誠的基督徒，早年歸主。每天早晚祈禱，三餐用飯時，更會帶著我們一起感恩謝飯。所以打從三歲有記憶，我就知道這位創造大地萬物的神。但是真正“心中有主”是在十歲開始。

我是個非常好動、外向的女孩兒。爬牆、上樹、野外抓蜻蜓、秋天捕蟬蟲都是我的最愛。從來沒有過女孩子們所謂的細緻與嬌柔。記得爸爸常說我該是個男孩的。

就在十歲那年的夏天，和哥哥及鄰居的孩子們玩官兵捉強盜。為了避免被抓，我快速的爬上牆頭，卻不慎掉了下來，摔在家裡種滿了花草的院子裡。右手的掌心札了一根很深的刺。血流的不多，當然好面子的我更是沒有掉一滴眼淚。所以爸媽也沒把這件事情看得很嚴重，就帶我到附近的藥房把手上的刺取出來，並且簡單的包紮一下就回家了。接下來傷口不但沒有癒合，反而快速的惡化，手掌腫得是原來的兩倍大。於是媽媽又帶我到附近的藥房，把膿擠了出來，敷上一些消炎藥，再度包紮起來。就這

樣，一個本來是不起眼的傷口，却把我送上了死亡的邊緣。也讓我深切的蒙受到神偉大豐盛的恩典。

受傷三個月後的一個仲夏夜，我因身體抽筋、全身肌肉僵直由睡夢中驚叫而醒。那是個還沒有計程車的年代，自行車是爸爸唯一可用的交通工具。他快速的把我放在車前的橫槓上，滿街去找醫生。在我朦朧的記憶裡，爸爸先是從家裡附近的診所開始。醫生在睡夢中被叫醒，看了我的情況表示不在他所治療的範圍。爸爸趕緊把我抱上腳踏車，趕往另外一家診所，接著是較大的民眾診療院...就這樣跑了三、四家醫院，最後經由市立醫院的指點，我們終於被高雄最大的醫院--省立醫院接收了。

在那午夜時分、滿街奔馳找醫院的過程中，爸爸一路上大聲地祈禱，向神求救。寧靜的深夜裡，他發自內心、聲嘶力竭的呼喊，一直到今天仍然清晰的縈繞在我的耳邊。

急診室值班的是位神經外科的住院醫生。他在聽了爸爸的簡述，並且診斷我的病情之後，面色凝重

的告訴爸爸我患的是破傷風，那是一種濾過性病毒的感染，當時沒有特效藥可以治療的，病患十之八、九是無法活命的。

在醫院的十七天裡，一開始因為沒有空床，先把我安排在走廊的角落。後來才被移入到一個看不到陽光的隔離病房，因為這種病患怕光。我記得房間彷彿很大，房裡住有七、八個和我同樣的病人。每天都有新的病人被送進來，舊的病人被移出去。醫生除了“盡人事”般的為我注射點滴和當時僅有的抗生素外，也就祇好把我擱在那兒了。

但是，明白“聽天命”真諦的父親和他屬靈的家 - 高雄國語禮拜堂却沒有放棄。他們知道人無法醫治的病痛，只有仰靠主耶穌。祂是全能的神、生命的主宰、是救世主。祂能夠救我！因為耶穌告訴門徒說：「我又告訴你們，若是你們中間有兩個人在地上，同心合意的求甚麼事，我在天上的父，必為他們成全。」(馬太十八章，19節)

當時教會大約有一百多位會

眾。大家在長老和牧師的帶領下全心協力的為我禱告。每天更會有十幾位叔叔阿姨輪流到醫院來和爸爸一同圍在我的床前祈禱。他們用信心全力向神呼求，求神垂聽禱告，就像神聽了希西家的祈禱，醫治他的病，且多給他15年的壽命。(列王記下21章1-6節)

耶和華啊！這位有憐憫、有慈悲的父神，看見了父親的眼淚，更聽到眾兒女的呼求，於是用祂福恩滿溢的雙手，托住了我那如潮汐退向江海般急速消逝的身軀，留住我在這世上的生命。使我雖走向死蔭的幽谷，也沒有遭迫害。(詩篇23章4節)。就在入院的第五天，醫生興奮的告訴父親我的病有救了，因為他剛接到醫院的通知，由西德進口專治破傷風的新藥--抗毒蛇血清，已通過政府的審核，可以正式使用了。我們知道這是神藉著醫生的口傳達了他的允諾。感謝主！

病癒出院後，爸爸帶我到醫生家去致謝，醫生非常謙虛且真誠的告訴我們，該謝的是爸爸虔誠信靠

的上帝。因為，我的活命在醫學上是一個奇蹟。他向爸爸解釋：當時雖然新的藥物即時趕到，由於我的病情極端嚴重，在使用了兩天仍不見任何好轉之後，他就套句中國人的話“把死馬當活馬醫”，做了一個大膽的嘗試。

破傷風血清是一種藉由肌肉注射的抗毒素，使用前需要皮試，確定不呈陽性反應才可使用。但是這種深肌注射的成效太慢，醫生便自作主張的改由靜脈滴注；就是把血清加在葡萄糖溶液的點滴裡，由靜脈慢慢的滴入體內。神奇的是抗毒素進到血液裡，居然能被身體內的破傷風免疫球蛋白接受，藉著血液循環系統快速的輸送到身體各個部位，有效的控制了病毒。

這種醫療的方式，在當時台灣的“人體臨床試驗”尚不曾做過，是否可行完全沒有把握，尤其是如果遭到排斥而產生負效應，後果不可想象。第一次嘗試就成功，怎能說不是一個奇蹟呢？隔年醫生把這件臨床個案，提到台灣的醫學年會上

發表。正如聖經所說：從耶和華的所在顯出來的榮耀，是該稱頌的！

另外，知情的鄰居或是長輩們，更都忙不迭的說我是“大難不死，必有後福”。還是個少不更事的我，卻深深地明白：我的再生是神許的奇蹟，我的福份是來自天國的。神的恩典從此根深蒂固地印烙在我心版上。

歲月隨著花開花落，潮來潮往流逝。我也由少年、青年、跨入了中年，由讀書、就業、成家、走到了退休。這段神恩的經歷，已經是半世紀前的往事了。但是我對上帝的信仰沒有一絲懷疑和中斷過，和天父的關係更是與日俱增。1981年，來美三年後的春天，在聖荷西中華歸主教會領洗，正式成為神國有份的基督徒。蒙福的我凡事禱告。無論得意或失意、喜樂或悲傷、剛強或脆弱，我都是藉著禱告、祈求、和感謝，向天上的父傾訴。祂的應許也總是即時且更豐盛的。做為神的兒女，時時與主同行，是有福的！

## 基督之家第七家

The Home of Christ Church in Morgan Hill

希伯來書 12:1-2

我們既有這許多的見證人、如同雲彩圍著我們、就當放下各樣的重擔、脫去容易纏累我們的罪、存心忍耐、奔那擺在我們前頭的路程、仰望為我們信心創始成終的耶穌。

# 神的愛

## 何其廣大高深

—— 薛美英

剛来美国時，有无神论教育背景的我，对基督教一点认识也没有。初次接触教会，我被教会里人际关系的和谐与爱的氛围所吸引，于是我参加每一次活动，慢慢对基督教有了一点点理性上的认识。当我知道“圣经都是神所默示的，于教训，督责，使人归正，教导人学义，都是有益的”（提摩太后書3章16节）我心想：这不是好事吗？我就凭着信心接受了主耶稣的救恩，祂让我有了永生的盼望。

我非常感谢神。然而对神的真正的认识，是信主的十年中，自己一次又一次的经历神，逐步深化了对祂的认识。在此，选几例与大家分享：

信主不久，有一次家有急事，必须要与女儿联络。家里没有任何通讯工具，我只能到街上去找公用电话，但才到美国不久，语言困难，我只能硬着头皮沿街找过去，一个又一个灯光明亮、人头窜动的店铺，我都没有侧身，不知怎的，在一个窄門紧闭着、里面看不出有灯光的店铺，我却不知不觉踏着歪歪斜斜的台阶上去了，心急如焚的我想着，他若不借打电话，我出100美元也一定要借打。我推开了没锁的门，突然从柜台底下伸出一个人头来，看看我，然后问我说：“你有什么事？”啊！他讲的是中文？！

在圣灵的引领下，人生地疏，不会讲英语的我，没走半步叉路！

2011年三月份我考好公民，在宣誓以前，神用我们人做不到的办法给我一个鲜为人知的信息，使我及时处理好存在的问题，按时得到了美国政府的经济援助金，保障了我独立生活所需。真是在人不能，在神凡事都能。

2011年四月份女儿搬家，外孙也长大不用我照顾了，我决定住老年公寓。可是当轮到我的时候，我正好在中国，错过了。又排到后面。我抱着试试看想法，到公寓去与经理商量一下，看有什么办法可以帮我解决一下。哪知道奇妙的事发生了，由于经理的人为错误，又巧遇她升职，她不得不帮我解决住房问题，使我的搬家与女儿的搬家在日期上环环相扣，恰到好处，感谢神的奇妙作为！

2014年3月，我家中又遇急难事，我向神祷告祈求，神又以奇妙的办法，祂告诉我的正是我们期待知道的家人的近况。祂及时的安慰

了我们，并带给我们平安。

一次又一次的经历，不胜枚举，使我越来越认识到我们的神真的是又真又活的神、是听祷告的神、是满有怜悯慈爱的神！我们的神只要相信祂、仰望祂、向祂祈求，不管大事小事祂必定回应。我们的神是大有能力的神，在我们人看来不能的，在神凡事都能。祂用祂的大能创造宇宙万物，也用祂的大能来成就我们的一切所需，我感觉到天父是那样的看重我、爱我，有时祂给我的比我所想所求的还要多，神的爱真的是那么的广大、精深。因此我也体会到为什么说“信耶稣”叫“福音”。

亲爱的朋友，今天我也要把这福音介绍给你，请你借着我的经历，建立你的信心，凭着信心，相信耶稣，然后你再亲自经历神，加深对神的认识，以致信靠祂，神的恩惠会跟随你一辈子，你就可享尽神赐的平安与“福”气。



約翰福音 3:16

神愛世人、甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們、叫一切信他的、不至滅亡、反得永生。

# 雨的故事

謝持德  
Ken Hsieh

近年來加州缺水形成乾旱，不但影響了農作物的生長，也造成我們生活的不便。而水最主要的來源便是雨水，如果不下雨我們除了祈禱之外還真幫不上什麼忙。平時我們不覺得雨水的珍貴，但是旱災時我們就能體會到雨水真是愛我們的神白白賜給我們的禮物。

聖經中記載了有一人名叫以利戶在三千五百年前向另一個名叫約伯的人發的問題，及約伯的回答

『雲彩如何浮於空中，那知識全備者奇妙的作為，你知道嗎？』

『將水包在密雲中，雲卻不破裂。』

『雲若滿了雨，就必傾倒在地上。』

『因祂鑑察直到地極，遍觀普天之下，要為風定輕重，又度量諸水；祂為雨露定命令，為雷電定道路。那時祂看見智能，而且述說；祂堅定，並且查究。』

『雲彩如何浮於空中』這問題

在三千五百年後的今天仍沒有找到完全的答案。若所有情況都對，雲中的小水粒與其它的水粒相結合，直到大到能勝過上升氣流的動力，成為雨降在地上。根據溫度及上升的氣流降下的水滴而成為雪，或冰雹。而雨滴平均直徑為十分之一英吋。

雨落到地上之後，部分會滲入到地下成為地下水。這部分的水可以被掘井使用，或成為泉水流出來，或為植物利用，但大多數的水在土壤或岩石的孔穴中流向最方便流動的地方。一些落下來的水，直接為植物所利用。一些又被蒸發，它大部分的水從地面流到最近的河流及其支流。人最關心的就是在水循環的這個階段，因為人在此直接受到水或好或壞的影響。

有趣的是，大多數落下的水並非像幾十年前人所以為的來自地面上的蒸發，或從內陸水面的蒸發。美國農業部所進行範圍廣闊的上層

大氣溫度，壓力，濕度，及風的研究已經決定性顯明，海洋地區是落在大陸水分唯一重要的來源。

所羅門在傳道書1:7節的話就顯出了豐富的意義。在他奇妙而科學地論到世上風的循環之後，他緊接著用下面的話精確地描寫了水的循環：『江河都往海裡流，海卻不滿；江河從何處流，仍歸還何處。』現今水陸之間，空氣與水之間的平衡，地球離太陽的距離，構成大氣各種成分，山脈的位置，並赤道的海洋河流，及許多其它有助於水循環的東西，都已經知道調節如此精密，它們之間存在的關係若有任何大變動，要不是使地球上不可能有生物存在，就會使生命的維持十分困難。聖經中先知以賽亞的見證說得好：『誰曾用手心量諸水，用手虎口量蒼天，用升斗盛大地的塵土，用秤稱山嶺，用天平平岡陵呢？』(賽40:12)。神的創造和安排真是超出我們的想像。

以賽亞書也有另一處講到水循環的經文，將之與上帝的聖言相比較。『雨雪從天而降，並不返回，卻滋潤地土，使地上發芽結實，使撒種的有種，使要吃的有糧。我口所出的話也必如此，決不徒然返回，卻要成就我所喜悅的，在我發他去成就的事上必然亨通。』(賽55:10-11)。那就是說，正如上帝的話在回到差遣它出去的那一位之

前，雨雪在完成了它們滋潤大地的工作之後，才回到天上。

聖經還有許多其它論到水循環一個階段或多個階段的經文。其中幾個也似乎在預言現代科學。比如，雖然，閃電與雨之間顯然有關連，但卻不清楚到底誰是因，誰是果。氣象學家及大氣物理學家仍然在研究這個問題。但是，現在證據似乎顯明，在水汽凝結，成為夠大的水滴，落下成雨之前，電場必須先產生在雲中。當然，有了電場才會有實際的閃電的放電。在聖經中有幾處地方講到這樣直接的關係。比如：『祂使雲霧從地極上騰，造電隨雨而閃，從府庫中帶出風來。』(詩篇135:7)。在耶利米書10:13及51:16節中所講的是同樣的意思，都說上帝『造電隨雨而閃，』在各處所強調的重點是，在雨與電之間有著必然的關係。這節經文提到水循環的四階段--蒸發，風，電，與雨。值得注意的是，蒸發階段，發生在地的四極--顯然是指地的盡頭的遙遠的海洋。如前所述，陸地的雨，源於海洋水的蒸發，如在傳道書1:6-7節也同樣提到的，只是在現代，科學家才發現。

和雨有關的各種自然現象都不是偶然存在的。這是神用祂奇妙的智慧為祂所愛的人類精心的創造。只要我們停下來想一想，就不難發現神那無微不至的愛。

# *The Power of Pray*

— Marshall Bush —

In July 2013, I made an appointment with my doctor at Kaiser Permanente in Gilroy. I explained following my routine scheduled Colonoscopy procedure in May that I noticed a lower abdomen pain, swelling and tenderness on the right side with bowel cramping, and urinary pain.

Once he completed an examination he became excited and looked directly at me and said, “Can you go to the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in San Jose today; I mean, RIGHT NOW. You need to have a CT-Scan.”

“And, DO NOT leave, stay at the hospital until I call you with the CT-Scan results. I believe your Appendix is inflamed and may rupture.”

“We may need to admit you immediately to remove your Appendix if the CT-Scan results and the Surgeon decide to.”

A CT-Scan uses a computer that takes data from several X-ray images of structures inside a human’s body and converts them into pictures on a monitor; similar to looking at one slice of bread within the whole loaf.

So, my wife Mary and I immediately went to the hospital and had the CT-Scan performed.

As Mary and I were waiting for the call from my doctor with direction, I could hear her praying. As I was waiting, I too began to pray thanking the Lord for his love and blessings, for my loving wife, for our three sons’ and our beautiful grandchildren, and to forgive me for my sins and shortcomings.

Finally, the call from my doctor came. He said,

“The CT-Scan revealed there was a large Abscess growth on the outside of my Colon, about 2.5cm (approximately one inch in size) and is located next to and pressing on my urinary bladder.” He also said, “Typically, this would be treated with antibiotics; however, due to its location and size the surgeon said it would be best to surgically drain and repair the Colon wall before it bursts causing more complications.”

He then directed me to go home, take a prescribed pre-surgery antibiotic bill before I went to bed as directed.

The next morning, I arrived at the hospital as scheduled. Once registered, a nurse immediately arrived to take me into the pre-surgery prep area. To my surprise, our Pastor with his wife arrived at the registration area at that exact moment. I did not realize Mary had called them and asked for their prayers.

Then time came, I kissed Mary and said, “I’ll see you soon.” Mary said she was going outside to join the Pastor and his wife to pray for me.

As they were taking me into surgery, I took another moment to pray thanking the Lord for my many blessings and forgiveness of my sins.

How, here is exactly what followed. Once I was in the operating room and as I was being prepared by the surgical staff prior to given an anesthesia to put me to sleep the surgeon told me they were taking another CT-Scan to locate the abscess.

Then, the surgeon said something to the surgical staff---you know medical lingo; and then all stopped, and then it got silence. What appeared to have been a long time that elapsed, I later learned the surgeon and staff were taking multiple CT-Scans at different positions and were comparing them to the CT-Scan taken the day before?

Then the surgeon looked at me and said,

“I cannot do this; the abscess has reduce in size to less than 1cm (approximately 1/4 of an inch) making it non-operational and can be treated with antibiotics.”

And in the same breath the surgeon said in amazement,

“I have never seen an abscess of that size shrink that much, that fast.”

At that point I was taken back to the pre-surgery prep room and Mary was called to come back to the surgery prep room. Later, she told me she did not know if the surgery was complete or why she was being call back to the pre-surgery prep room so soon.

When I and Mary walked outside of the Hospital, the Pastor and his wife were still praying for me not knowing what had happened. They were amazed to hear what had happened and that all our prayers had been answered.

Today, the abscess has gone and I feel blessed that the Lord heard our prayers. Looking back at the course of events and the fear of not knowing, the thought of the worst, the prayers of those by my side, and the Lord's blessing and grace onto me; I honestly believe that day the Lord heard our prayers of faith.

**James 5:13-16 The Prayer of Faith**

*<sup>13</sup> Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The pray of the righteous man is powerful and effective.”*



Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

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