

ROSIE COTTON'S STORY

In February 2007 I was diagnosed with breast cancer and treatment began. During this time I was given a word of knowledge that I would be fine and live to be an old lady and although it was wonderful to hear these words, it was very hard to know whether it was really from God, especially as the hospital results became worse every time. Then my consultant found an area of secondary cancer on my spine although it was strangely inactive. For me this was a miracle and for the consultant it was the chemotherapy but either way he said, it could become active again at any time.

People with more faith than I have began to pray for me and at times I could believe that I had been healed but when my daughter suggested that I ask for a scan but I was too scared of the "moment of truth" and lived with my doubts until finally I had to have an MRI scan of my entire spine. I was hoping that the tumor would not have grown and would still be inactive but God is able to do more than anything we can think of or hope for because the results showed that the tumor had completely disappeared and been replaced by normal bone. How fantastic is that !

One friend had specifically but nervously prayed that there would be nothing to see and even though my faith and hers was very shaky and inconsistent, and other people weren't always too sure either, God is still loving, kind, powerful and gracious and really does honour faith as small as a mustard seed or even smaller in my case.

Pastor Bill Johnson refers to cancer as "the Goliath" of our generation, such an unbeatable giant of an enemy that we are often afraid to even pray for healing and like the Israelites, we run away and hide rather than risk being defeated. But God is the same now as He was then when He empowered the boy David to defeat not just Goliath, but as a result of his obedience, the entire Philistine army.

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