

More than I should Deserve

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

- **Philippians 4:6-7**

On November 8, 2010, after completing 6 cycles of chemotherapy, the PET Scan result did not show any sign of cancer cells. The follow up treatment would be target medication to be performed intravenously every three weeks. My Oncologist Dr. Ang told me: “It is impossible to be cancer free for stage IV cancer patients. What we can do is to keep the cancer cells under control. And what you can do is to relax and enjoy life.” In other words, the stage IV cancer treatment is for life. We ought to be grateful to God and count on his blessing.

Two years have since passed, and the half yearly PET Scan does not show any sign of cancer cells. Dr. Ang then told me that two years ago, he predicted my life span was only 9 months. Thank God, it is two years now.

Three years have since passed, and the PET Scan again does not show any sign of cancer cells. Dr. Ang warned me that the target medication can only be effective for three years. After which, it will be assimilated by the cancer cells. And till now, there isn't any newer drug for lung cancer patient. We can only leave everything to God.

Three and a half year after the initial chemotherapy, the PET Scan done in early 2014 showed a tiny light on the top part of my hip bone, the same place where the cancer cells appeared previously. The spot had grown bigger and shined clearly in the result of further PET Scan done in mid-2014. This confirmed that the cancer on the hip bone had relapsed. Dr. Ang, together with the Radiology Centre Director Dr. Lee had come to a conclusion that Radiotherapy was the best treatment for me. In August 2014, I have gone thru 16 cycles of 3D Radiotherapy treatments. The PET Scan done by end of 2014 showed the light on the spot had subsided. Dr. Ang told me that my primary cancer cells was from the lungs. As long as there is no relapse on my lungs, the cancer cells on my hip bone is only secondary, and can be cured. He told me not to get too worry as two years ago, he thought my life span would only be about two years and now it is for four and a half years. Besides through the will of God, how does being anxious add a single minute to a person's span of life?

Five years have passed, and according to statistics, stage IV lung cancer patients' five year surviving rate is near to zero. Last week's PET Scan did not show any cancer signs. I can only thank God for this wonderful result. Throughout the last five long years, I learnt how to depend and leave everything to God. God loves us not because we are intelligent or hard working, but because of his blessing. God would never want us to carry more burden than we can handle. When we count

our blessing yesterday, we will be showered with peace and hope today. When we leave our burdens to God, he will leave peace in our heart. We can pray to God anytime and he will always listen.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Thessalonians 5:16-18

O Lord, I do not want to be a person who always complains, help me be a person full of joy, happiness and thankful in whatever circumstances. I do not know what will happen tomorrow, but I know who holds the future and I know he holds my hand. When I am tired, give me the strength and I know you will not leave me alone.

“He gives strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak.”

Isaiah 40:29

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