



**Healed of Multiple Myeloma (mm)
(Bone Marrow Cancer)
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On Thursday, Nov. 6, 2002, one of several dates I will never forget, my life changed dramatically. A busy executive, while on a conference call, I began to have chills and shake uncontrollably. Afterward my joints began to ache with excruciating pain. I resisted going to the hospital several days. When I finally checked into the emergency room, my oxygen level was only 59.

The initial diagnosis was group B strep, a disease with severe pain and swelling in the joints, so painful I screamed when my left elbow or right hip moved even 1 inch.

However that was just the beginning because after several days of tests, I was told I also had mm. Each of you who have been diagnosed with mm remember when you were 1st informed –like a ton of bricks hitting you. It is a time when many of us reevaluate our priorities, with surviving and enjoying our family and God’s creation each day much more of a priority. Making money and most of the other things we used to prioritize fall way down the priority list.

Two things came to me that night. One was for me to ask forgiveness from an individual, whom I felt had done me wrong. Two, I felt I would not go back to work with my employer of 33 years..The first thing next morning my wife called the individual and asked him to pray for me. He came and prayed for me and I asked his forgiveness. The bitterness I had felt for years immediately left. I am confident if I had not been obedient to forgive and ask his forgiveness, I would not now be sharing the miracle of my healing (Matt.6:15 Mk 11:25).

I was to begin my first week of chemo Monday Dec 9th . On Sunday morning Dec 8, while reading in psalms and proverbs, I began to sense the presence of God. At first He spoke to me (not audibly) about being obedient and following His leading. Then unexpectedly He spoke to me audibly and said, “Thus saith the Lord, I will heal you completely and I will restore you fully.”

This was not the 1st time I had heard God speak audibly. Earlier in March 02, He had spoken to me about our house in Clarksdale, MS. which we had been trying to sell for 2 years with not one serious looker. We were asking substantially more than the norm in this area where the average house sells for around 20 to 30k and maybe one a year would sell in our price range. God said, “I will sell the house, not many days hence.” In less than 30 days a couple bought the house.

At the leading of the Lord, my wife and I purchased a home in Little Rock in 2001, even though we lived and worked in MS. My wife moved into the LR house June 30, 2002. I continued to work in MS and came to LR Thursday evenings. So God sold the house in MS., led us to buy a house in LR and move into the house 4 months prior to me getting sick. Everything was going great, or so I thought.

Like all mm patients, the treatment was not fun. I was very weak from the Group B Strep and immediately started chemo. (Initially I was not at UAMS, but was treated by a LR oncologist. He should have referred me to UAMS immediately). First round of chemo (5 days in hospital) was started Dec 09. Jan 1, 2003 something popped in my lower back. The oncologist said I had a pulled muscle. After Jan chemo, I was sent to a rehab hospital. When I got to UAMS they informed me vertebrae L1 and 4 were crushed. (Imagine trying to rehab with crushed vertebrae. The pain was a 10). After March chemo my myeloma markers were worse than when we started chemo in Dec 02. Finally the oncologist referred me to UAMS.

Immediately they recommended vertebroplasty surgery, which was a success. After injecting glue in my back, I got up in 2 hours pain free. Praise the Lord, for the back pain was very painful. I was still very weak because I was so weak when all this started-the strep, the chemo and mm. All of '03 I was one of the sickest patients at UAMS.

I had blood clots, pulmonary embolism and pneumonia April 03, a severe reaction to the growth factor shot, staph infection and other problems after the 1st transplant in June 03, requiring a hospital stay. I had high fever, shakes, chills, severe mouth sores, numerous rashes and was very sick. However, even through this difficult, painful time, God was with me. Once my wife saw two angels in my hospital room, one at least 8' tall guarding over my bed and the other a cherub. One of my daughters, while praying for me, had a vision in which she saw a bright light shining into my bones and removing all my old bone marrow and instantly replacing with new clean bone marrow.

Thru all this I remembered what God had said and trusted Him the best I could. (Faith as a grain of mustard seed will remove mountains Matt. 17:20) Now for the good news! After my 2nd transplant, in August 03, my markers continued to improve and by Oct 03 my M spike was 0.0 and my hip biopsy was registering NO cancer cells. I was told I was in complete remission. (I am completely healed). Steroids had destroyed my left femur so I had left hip replacement Jan 05, 05. My goal in sharing this is to encourage you and let you know God still heals and He cares about you.

All mm patients need to know **Prvbs 3:7&8** "Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to your navel and MARROW TO YOUR BONES. I had read that scripture several times prior to my illness, but never thought much about it. But after I was diagnosed with mm this scripture jumped out at me. What does a mm patient need? How about new, clean, functioning bone marrow. God knew the importance of bone marrow long before mm was diagnosed. .

Most important make sure you have asked Jesus to forgive your sins and come into your heart. It's simple, just confess he is the Son of God and he died to pay for your sins. Ask him to forgive you and come into your heart. I can't imagine going thru myeloma treatment and not knowing for sure if you died you would go straight to heaven in God's presence. I would be glad to pray with you to receive Christ. Just talk with me or give me a call.

Following are some scriptures that will strengthen your faith:

Is 53: 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are (I am) healed.

Matt 8:16&17 He healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, (see above) "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses). Since Jesus bore my sickness, I don't have to.)

Matt 8: 2-3 And behold there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (Not one time did Jesus refuse to heal someone who came to him for healing.)

Matt 8:13 As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. (To the centurion who asked Jesus to heal his servant.) What will you get if you get what you believe? That is what you will get.

Matt 9: 28-30 Jesus said unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said, Yes, Lord. Then he touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened.

I Jhn 5:14&15 And this is the confidence we have in him, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know we have the petitions that we desired of him. Jesus said "The son can do nothing of himself. But what he seeth the Father do, I came not to do my will, but the will of him that sent me" **Jhn 5:19, 6:38** If Jesus only did the will of the Father and Jesus healed them all, how can one ask if it is God's will to heal them?

Prvbs 3:5-8 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to your navel and Marrow to your Bones. Just what a bone marrow cancer patient needs. (New, clean functioning bone marrow.)

Ps 103: 1-3 Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thou iniquities and healeth all thou diseases.

Num 23: 19 God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent. Hath he said and shall he not do it or hath he spoken and shall he not make it good.

I Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

Prvbs 9:11 By me thy days shall be multiplied; and the years of thy life shall be increased.

Mk. 16: 15-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name. ..they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Ps 30:9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? Shall it declare thy truth?

James 5: 13-15 Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray for him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

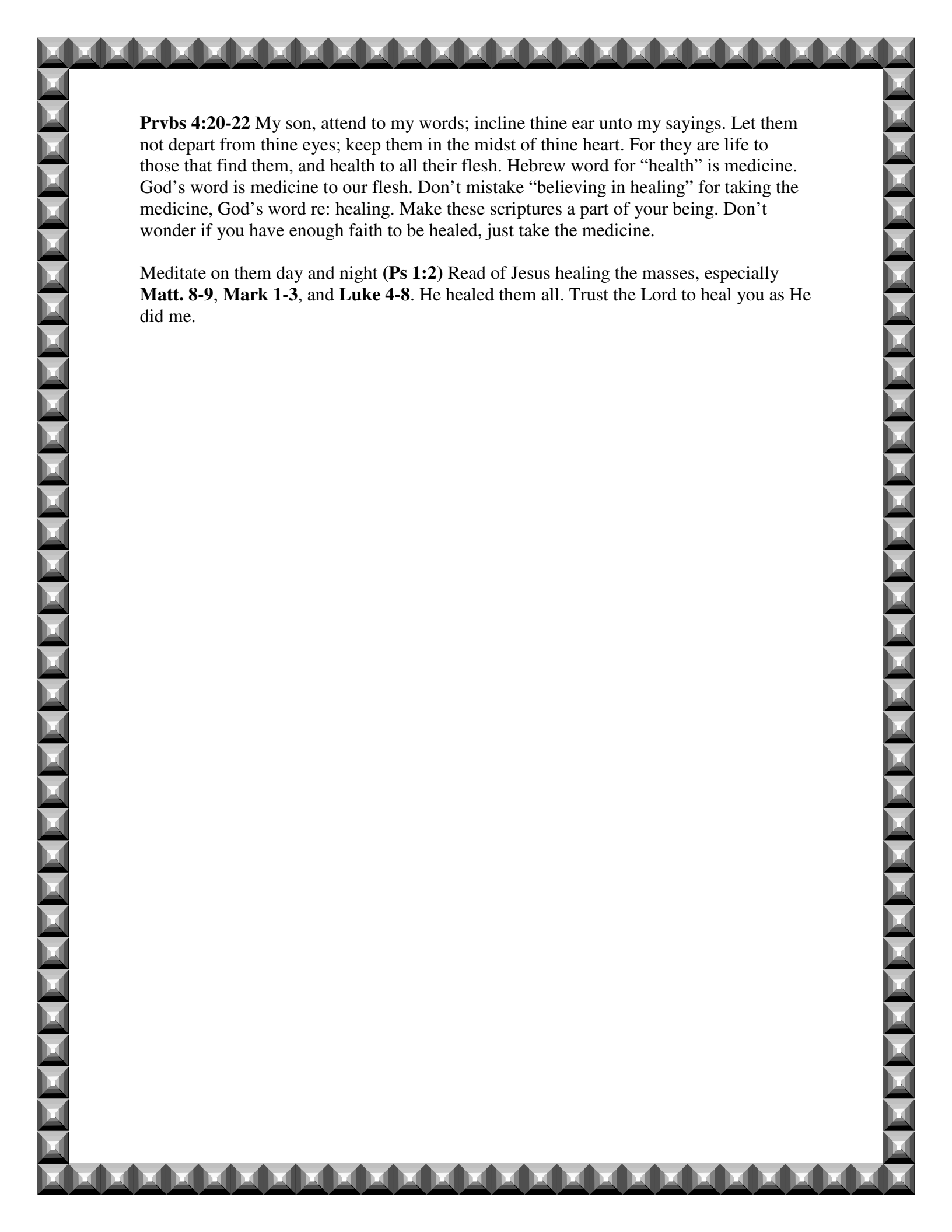
Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Jer 29:11,13 I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Ps 91:10,15-16 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 15) He shall call upon me and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; 16) With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation. (All 16 verses in Ps 91 are great encouragement)

Ps 107: 19-20 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble; and he saveth them out of their distress. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Mk. 11: 22-24 Jesus said, Have faith in God. 23) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain. Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24) Therefore I say unto you, What things (healing from cancer) so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.



Prvbs 4:20-22 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life to those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Hebrew word for “health” is medicine. God’s word is medicine to our flesh. Don’t mistake “believing in healing” for taking the medicine, God’s word re: healing. Make these scriptures a part of your being. Don’t wonder if you have enough faith to be healed, just take the medicine.

Meditate on them day and night (**Ps 1:2**) Read of Jesus healing the masses, especially **Matt. 8-9**, **Mark 1-3**, and **Luke 4-8**. He healed them all. Trust the Lord to heal you as He did me.