

Chronic Illness

INFORMATION

- Focus on the treatment opportunities.
- Find joy in the adversity when possible.
- Love the physical part of me that carries the cancer or other chronic illness. Take care of it.
- For supporters, be with them where they are — whether in pain or in encouragement.

SCRIPTURES

- **James 5:13-15** — Anointing of oil.
- **Psalms 121** — My help comes from the Lord; the Lord will watch over you.
- **Isaiah 43:1-7** — I have called you by name and you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I will be with you.
- **Lamentations 3:32** — Great is God's unfailing love.
- **Psalms 63:8** — Your right hand upholds me.
- **2 Corinthians 4:8** — Hard pressed, but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair.
- **Hebrews 12:2** — Fix your eyes upon Jesus.
- **Philippians 4:13** — I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.
- **1 Peter 5:7** — Cast all your anxiety on God; God cares for you.

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PRAYER

Lord, you said that when we walk through the water, you will be with us; we are precious in your sight and you love us. In this time of health trial and adversity, I need your presence more than ever. Lord, some days I feel hard pressed on every side, but with you at my side I do not feel crushed. Struck down at times, but not destroyed. This disease makes me feel like I don't have any control. Lord, give me strength and courage, hold me in the palm of your hand, and give me peace. Amen.

SUGGESTED READING

- *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson, Inc, 2004)
- *Jesus Lives* by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson, Inc, 2009)
- *Looking Up While Lying Down* by J. E. Biegert (Pilgrim Press, 2004)
- *The Will of God* by Leslie Weatherhead (Abingdon Press, 1999)
- *What About Divine Healing?* by Susan Sonnenday Vogel (Abingdon Press, 2004)