

MY GOD IN MOTION...

Lessons From A Friend's Long Battle!

"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance." Proverbs 1:5

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

03-26-2025

Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How, When
- Resources
- Discussion
- Feedback
- Next Session & Future Topics
- Call To Action & Closing

Purpose & Opening

Purpose: Exhort One Another Into Love and Good Works

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,
but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Opening Prayer:

Thank you for this opportunity

Give me Words to deliver Your message

Give us Eyes to See all things from Your perspective

Give us Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through Your Word

Help us be transformed into the people You intended us to be

Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

Help us bring glory to You in all we do

Topic

What: Lessons From A Friend's Long Battle!

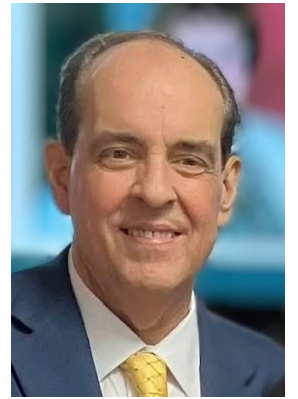
Why:

- Our trials and tribulations can teach us many lessons
- We need to pay attention as we go, and then reflect back to see them
- It is painful to learn a lesson yourself, it is easier to learn from others.
- I want my children to learn from every opportunity.
- Learn and apply to grow in your experiences here while there is still time.

(from journaling with Jesus 3/20)

Approach: What, When, Why, How

Lessons From A Long Battle



Background

High School Alumni, Band mate
Believer, Appreciates God, Values His Word
5 Siblings, Persistent Tension / Conflict
26 Yrs of Army/Navy Service, Traumatic Events
4 Ex-Wives – Much betrayal, No Kids of his
Stroke – Unable to Walk, Think Clearly, Drive
Remarkable Recovery – Walk, Drive, Work
Toxic Relationship / Unpredictable
Stubborn, Retains Control

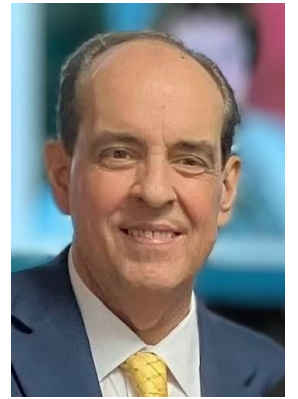
Battle

Bladder Cancer 6 Years Ago – 3 mo to live
Spread to Pelvis – 3 mo to live
Spread to Kidneys, failed – 3 mo to live
Spread to Lungs – 3 mo to live
Dr's recommended hospice 1yr ago

What He Did Well

- Got Affairs In Order / Had A Plan
- Engage/Connect With Network of People
 - Gained support team
 - Inspired many
- Walk in Light – Don't Let Dr's Dictate Destiny
- Had Faith in Salvation / Ultimate Destination
 - It will all be fine, It will all work out
 - God will take me when it is time
- Focus on Living
 - Don't Let Illness Define You
 - Don't Let Illness Dominate Conversation
- Have Hope
 - Set Goals / Targets In Front
- Keep Active / Moving / Doing
 - Worked until Dr demanded he stop
 - Flew to 45th reunion last summer
 - Flew to mother's funeral in Nov
 - Persisted in dialysis to end

Lessons From A Long Battle



Spiritual Journey Challenges

Baptist Culture Well Anchored

God is in control, His will dictates everything
God is mysterious, His will is un-knowable
God can heal me anytime, and He will, if He decides to
Prayer is a plea for a distant God to consider taking action
God will answer prayers if it is His will.

Stroke Made Focus / Memory / Learning Challenge

Small Chunks / Repetition many times
Partnership to do things

Baggage

War, Ex-wives, Family
Kept Things Buried

Strong Willed (Stubborn)

Maintained Control – No-one Will Do “That” To Me
Not going to change his mind

Aggravation

Politics Raised Blood Pressure
Unraveling of country he fought for

I’m A Hometown Guy, No Religious Credibility

Jesus could do no miracles in his hometown

What I/We Did Pretty Well

- Led by the spirit: Ask, Listen, Do
- Commitment
- Frequent Dialog
- In-Person Support When Needed
- Supported Personal and Spiritual Journey
- Met Him Where He Was
- Prayers In Agreement with him
- Taught Him To Hear God’s Voice (Some)
- Prayers In Intercession (Some)
- External Resources (Limited)
- Communicated with others involved

Opportunities To Do Better

- Discipline / Persistence: Track / Prompt F-U
- Stay More Closely Tuned To The Spirit
 - Check in, Anything New, Next Steps, Guidance
- More Fervent Intercession
 - Identify and Target Specific Barriers
 - Leverage My Faith for Progress
- Engage More Outside Resources
- Engage More Alternative Treatments

Lessons For Me

Q: Lord, what lessons would you like me to take away from my experience with Bob.

A: He was a loving man with a lot of baggage. His baggage killed him.

He was stubborn and insisted on controlling everything.

You must **Yield control to Me** to get full benefit from my work on the cross; You must lose your life to find it.

You must **Trust Me with everything**. When you do, I can work all things for your good.

Yes, the horrible outcome for him was coming home to eternity with Me, not a bad result if you ask Me, but he had many more good years in him.

You did well in supporting Him, your testimony will help others, both in your service in support of him and the lessons you have learned along the way.

Lessons To Share

Q: Lord, what lessons from Bob's experience should I carry forward and share with others

A: Trust me.

Loose your life to find it.

My will IS healing.

Shed your baggage and focus forward

Speak to your mountain in faith, and it will move.

Believe AS you pray, and it will be done.

#1 - Trust Me

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Psalms 37:4-6

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord; Trust in Him, and He will act.

Failure Mode:

If you trust (value/accept/embrace) your physical symptoms or the doctors diagnosis/prognosis more than you trust God to be faithful to the promises in His Word, You tie God's hands.

No Action in Faith = No Space for Grace = No Glory for God.

Psalms 118:8-9

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.
It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 4:20-22

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.
Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;
For they are **life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.**

Do You Trust The Lord With All Your Heart?

- Reflect and Ask Your Self, and/or Quiet Your Self and Ask Him:
 - Who Do I Really Trust?
 - In What Areas Do I Not Trust The Lord With all My Heart?
 - What Sources Do I Truly Value/Consider Most Credible / Embrace?
 - Who do I really “Worship”? (Value / Respect / Admire / Focus On / Put First)

Area	You	“Man”	“Princes”	God & His Word
Health	?	Doctors? TV Shows? Magazines?	NIH, CDC, AMA	?
Food	?	Ads?, Industry Funded Research?	FDA, DOA	?
Financial	?	Advisor? Forecast? Investors?	Fed Reserve, SSA, Tres, IRS	?
Life	?	Friends? Consultants? Podcasters?	USG, State / Local Gov	?
Spiritual Journey	?	Friends? Minister? Motivational Speaker?	Pope, Deacons	?
Identity	Your Story	What People Say? How You Are Treated?	SSN	Born Again Child of God
Purpose	Your Ego	Propagate? Work?, Make Money? Buy Things?	Pay Taxes, Vote Be Dependent	Walk in The Light, Glorify God In All You Do

Do You Trust The Lord With All Your Heart?

- How do You Make Significant Decisions?
- How Much Do You Know, Understand, Embrace, Use God's Word ?
- To What Extent Are You Led By The Spirit – Ask, Listen, Do?
- How Far Do You Extend Beyond What You Can Already See In Faith?

Area	Aware	Understand	Use Guidance	Actively Led –Ask, Listen, Do	Partial Reliance	Full Reliance
Salvation / Eternity	X	X	X	X		X
Spiritual Journey	X	X	X	X	X	X
Purpose / Calling	X	X	X	X		X
Identity	X	X	X	X	X	
Work	X	X	X	X		X
Travel - Where / When / Who	X	X	X	X	X	
Support - Who / How	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spirit Led Encounters	X	X	X	X		X
Charity – Who / How Much	X	X	X	X	X	
Financial	X	X	X	X	X	
Health / Healing	X	X	X	X	X	
Food / Diet	X	X	X	X	X	
Relationships / Coaching	X	X	X	X	X	
Difficult Issues	X	X	X	X	X	
Material Resources	X	X	X	X	X	

Love Of Life / The World Can Limit Trust In God

Fear For Death? Trust In God For Salvation and You Will Spend Eternity With Him

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Hebrews 2:15

For since the children share mortal flesh, he too shared in it, so that by dying he might destroy the one who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and deliver from bondage those who throughout their lives are subject to slavery because of their fear of death

Fear Of Man? Trust God To Help You In Your Struggles

Matthew 10:28

...do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Proverbs 29:25

"The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe"

Fear Of Unknown? Yield, Align With His Purpose, Trust God and Everything Will Work Out

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, 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 minds through Christ Jesus

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose

#2 - Loose Your Life To Find It

Matthew 10:39

Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it

Failure Mode:

- If you rely on your natural ability to manage the baggage from your past you will continue to suffer.
- If you rely on your natural abilities to fight your current or future battles you will fail
- Submit to Jesus and you will gain the benefits of His sacrifice and be released into new life.
- Yield your will to Him, Seek to serve His purpose in all things

Psalms 55:22

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved

Matthew 11:28-30:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Matthew 6:10

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Have You Crucified Your Flesh / Buried The Old You

Luke 9:23

...If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Matthew 10:38-39

And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 4:22-24

...you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Which Love Controls You – They Compete

- Love Of God

- Recognize / Appreciate His Role
- Invest to Understand His Nature
- Trust His Promises
- Align To His Will
- Serve His Purpose

- Love Your Neighbor

- Sacrifice Your Interests To Serve Others
- Consider As Or Better Than Yourself
- Be Ambassador for Christ
- Serve Those In Need
- Absorb Wrongs
- Forgive
- Make Peace
- Love Enemies

- Love Your Self

- Elevate Self Image
 - All About Me/Mine/More
- Self Preservation
 - Deflect Blame
 - Destroy Competition
 - Live At All Costs

- Love Of The World

- Lusts of the Eyes – Obsess over Things
- Lusts of The Flesh – Obsess Over Pleasures
- Pride Of Life – Pursue Position / Power
- Use / Manipulate People For Your Gain

The Devil Prowls and Leverages Your Love

- Love Of Self Wants To Maintain Control

- Love Of The World Wants to Distract You

Future Topics

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Discussion

This Topic

- Questions?
- Clarification?
- Practical Experiences?
 - Struggles / Barriers
 - Strategies to Overcome
 - Success / Lesson Learned

Other Topics/Questions?

Call To Action:

Put Your Trust In God - Not Yourself, Not Other People

- Ask Yourself / Ask Him:
 - Who do you put your trust In
 - In what ways do you worship them
 - Do you trust Jesus?
 - What Are You Afraid Of?, Why?

Yield Your Life To Jesus - Lose Your Life To Save It

- Ask Yourself / Ask Him:
 - What you love more than God?, Why?
 - What aspects of your life are you still trying to control?, Why?

Resources

Prior Relevant Bible Study Sessions

“Trust God With All Your Heart”

HG08: God Is Real – I CAN Trust Him

HG11: Be Led By The Spirit

HG15: Leverage God’s Word

HG16: Eat God’s World

“Lose Your Life To Save It”

HG02: Getting To Know Jesus

HG03: Looking Like Jesus

HG14: Forgive Their Trespasses, Love Your Enemies

HG17: God’s Strength Is Revealed In Your Weakness

Videos and Presentations Available:

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Virtual Home Group Bible Study

Purpose: Exhort one another into love and good works.
Schedule: Weekly on Wed at 7 Eastern... until we change it
Venue: In-Person: Casa Kirkcassier ~ Jupiter FL,
Live On-Line: Zoom [Open Zoom Conference](#)
Delayed: Recording [Open Youtube Playlist](#)

Catalog of Sessions: Dates, Topics, Videos, Presentations

Next Session	Session 22: Lessons From A Friend's Long Battle
26 Mar 2025	Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation (Not Yet Launched)
Past Sessions	
10 Mar 2025	Session 21: Learn To See God's Hand At Work Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
11 Mar 2025	Session 20: Love Flows Through Truth To Be Useful Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
26 Feb 2025	Session 19: Who Was Emanuel Swedenborg Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
10 Feb 2025	Session 18: Good Works Are Evidence Of Salvation Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
12 Feb 2025	Session 17: God's Strength Is Revealed In Your Weakness Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
5 Feb 2025	Session 16: Eat The Word Of God Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
20 Jan 2025	Session 15: Leverage God's Word Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
15 Jan 2025	Session 14: Forgive Their Trespasses & Love Your Enemies Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
8 Jan 2025	Session 13: Be An Ambassador For Christ Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
17 Dec 2024	Session 12: Walk In The Spirit Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
11 Dec 2024	Session 11: Be Led By The Spirit Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
05 Dec 2024	Session 10: Pray Always In The Spirit Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
27 Nov 2024	Session 9: You Are Your Own Worst Enemy Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation
20 Nov 2024	Session 8: God Is Real, You Can Trust Him Links: Watch Recording Open Presentation

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Relevant Blog Posts

Trust The Lord With All Your Heart

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/how-to/trust-the-lord-with-all-your-heart/>

Who do You Love More, God or Yourself?

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/who-do-you-love-more-god-or-yourself/>

Be Led By The Spirit

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/how-to/be-led-by-the-spirit/>

Lose Your Life To Save It

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/lose-your-life-to-find-it/>

Deny Yourself, Pick Up Your Cross And Follow Jesus

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/deny-yourself-pick-up-your-cross-daily-follow-jesus/>

Forgive and Love Your Enemies

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/forgive-and-love-your-enemies/>

Full Blog Collection Available:

<https://mygodinmotion.org/blog/>



Feedback

- What is working: Keep doing
 - ✓ Good Content - Food for thought
 - ✓ Good Mix - Content & Discussion
 - ✓ Good Format - Casual / Informal – Easy to engage
 - ✓ Graphics are good/helpful - Draw the story together
 - ✓ Do quick intro when new folks so they get familiar
 - ✓ Host log in at 6:45 so others can get settled online and start on time
- What could be better: Suggestions to consider
 - ✓ Me: Send Reminder Text Early, and then 30 min before
 - ✓ Me: Set dog up for success to avoid distraction
 - ✓ Me: Mute participants during presentation to improve sound quality

Next Session & Future Topics

Candidate topic for next week:

Recent Activity / Potential Topics:

- Gratitude Defeats Anxiety
- Deny Your Life To The Point Of Death!
- Act in Faith to Make Room For Grace!
- How do you Restore the Image of God?
- What does it mean to be a Branch of Jesus' Vine?
- How is God's Love perfected through us?
- Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom!
- Yield Your Life To Find It – His Will, Not Yours

Next Session:
Wed 4/2/26

Any hot topics on your mind?

- How to stand in Faith in end times
- What does the new heaven/new earth mean?
- What are the steps to discernment

Closing

- Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, sharing
- Thank you for the gift of Your Word, and Your Son who made it flesh
- May we See, Hear, and Embrace your Word in our Heart, and assimilate it into our flesh
- May we recognize the opportunities within us and around us
- May we seek Your face and embrace Your help to root out our selfish agendas
- May we transform into Your image and perfect the flow of Your love to others
- May we be inspired into the good works that You have prepared
- May we walk in the light as Jesus was in the light
- May we shine as a bright beacon in this dark world
- We do all things in Your name to bring glory to the Father who sent You

“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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