



Stronghold Ministry's Monthly Newsletter

The Exchanger

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Celebrity Stalking

-by Joe Fornear

We all have heroes. Who is yours? Some people spend numerous hours learning all about their heroes' lives. Imagine a reversal, and think about your hero researching you, to learn all about you. Would you be honored? Feel special?

This is the way God is with us. We should feel very special, because we are constantly on His mind. Psalm 139 says He not only has countless thoughts about us, but those thoughts are precious too! *"How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand"* (Psalm 139:17-18).

When you're fighting cancer, it might feel hard to believe that He cares so much. Yet He knows and understands the difficulty of the battle. He is ready to pour out His abundant coping resources in you. You can turn to Him and sense His concern and compassion. The greatest of all celebrities has been pursuing you!

Tell us your story.
We want to be
"in your corner."

Coming Events

Thursday, August 4
support group
- Joe Fornear -
Walnut Ridge Baptist
Church, Mansfield, TX
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Tuesday, August 16,  
700 Club film crew taping  
Joe & Terri's testimony  
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Healing Prayer Meeting
3rd Tuesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.
@ Dallas Bible Church
Call 214-221-7007 for info.



Prayers for Kate

Please pray with us for Kate Fuller who was in a serious car accident in late July. Kate is the 21 year old daughter of our great friends, Frank and Zinda Fuller, and Zinda is the ambassador/administrator of Stronghold Ministry.

Please pray for Kate as she adjusts to the loss of her right thumb in the accident (she is left-handed). Also pray for total healing in her neck which sustained some

damage, that she would not require any surgery.

We thank and praise the Lord that though the car flipped, a man pulled her out to safety just as the car was beginning to catch fire!

Healing Prayer Meeting

Come pray with us—He does answer our fervent prayers. "You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2). Bring your loved one, or come as a proxy for someone. Let's just see what He will do!

3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00-8:00 p.m.
@ Dallas Bible Church
15765 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, TX 75248
Call 214-221-7007 for more info.

Save this Date -
10.2.2011

**Stronghold Ministry's
Fundraising Banquet**

*What in the world is God doing
through Stronghold?*

Sunday, October 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.
The Hope Center, Plano, TX

Testimony Time

This month we want to share the amazing story of Gipsy S., who by God's grace beat incredible odds against pancreatic cancer. She is pictured with her husband, Jack.



In 2007 I could not shake a cough that lasted several months. My husband encouraged me to see a doctor. A CT Scan showed something in my pancreas, and further testing showed pancreatic cancer. The cough turned out to be an allergy and went away, but the cancer stayed. I was given a short time frame, three to six months. I had a Distal Pancreatectomy and removal and reconstruction of two inches of the portal vein.

After hearing the shocking news with no symptoms whatsoever, my faith took over. I just accepted the prognosis and sought to enjoy my family and friends to the fullest. Jack, who had never liked to deal with anything medical, was right by my side always encouraging me, and making me feel beautiful even when I was not. Over fifty years in a good marriage does wonders. My family, friends and those in our class at church started praying hard for me, and I felt those prayers giving me courage and strength. I knew I was going to need my faith more than ever.

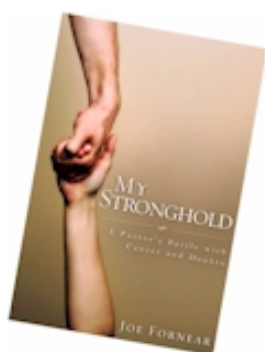
I chose a verse for this journey, “*For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you’*” (Isaiah 41:13). I carried it in my hand into surgery, hung it on my refrigerator, and quoted it over and over. Each night as I was going to sleep, I would name five good things that happened that day. I had tried to always do this for years, but now it seemed even more important to look for good things, large and even very small.

I had the surgery, and recovered well. I was finally in remission, but it was not to last. Two years later, in 2009, my cancer recurred. I was told to think months since this was a recurrence and harder to fight. In addition to Isaiah 41:13, I added John 10:3, “*He calls His sheep by name.*” “Gipsy, it’s going to be okay whatever happens.”

I started an aggressive program of three different chemos every twenty-one days. I did this for over a year. My scans were soon clear—no cancer. It was not always easy and there were hard times to get through. It has been over four years since my original diagnosis, and I have had no treatment in well over a year. My scans have remained clear, and I feel wonderful!

It was about this time that I met Joe Fornear and read his book. What a blessing to read of his battle and the plan God had in mind for him. It continues to be a blessing to read what he writes in his newsletters. He writes with a warm and caring heart, and he knows how a person with cancer feels. Whenever I meet a new cancer patient I refer them to Stronghold Ministry.

I don’t know what my future as a cancer patient holds, but I am on the way to five years, and who knows maybe even ten. While I would never say I am glad to have cancer, I can say my life has been blessed by more hugs, more cards and notes and more prayers for me than I would ever have thought possible. My life has been blessed. God is good!



My Stronghold - The book

Visit our website for more on Joe Fornear’s story and book about his cancer battle, *My Stronghold, A Pastor’s Battle with Cancer and Doubts*.

www.mystronghold.org/My-Stronghold.html

If you are a cancer patient, or caretaker, we’ll send you the book at no cost. Simply write and tell us your story. We want to share your burden.

Sign up for “In His Grip”

In His Grip is a weekly devotional e-mail to encourage and inspire those fighting cancer or in any crisis.

To subscribe go to our website -

<http://www.mystronghold.org>

In His Grip archives are at Joe’s blog.

Just click on the “Blog” link

<http://www.mystronghold.org/Blog/>



Stronghold Prayer Wall



Please join us in prayer for these warriors

Stronghold is reaching out to these individuals who are fighting cancer, or are survivors, and a few have other serious illness. We believe in the centrality of prayer for healing. Will you take a moment to intercede with us for these whom Jesus loves?

Mike D	Ruth	Ms. M	Bill	Steve	Kellison	Sylvia	Helga	Florence	Susan	John
Mr. W	Hank	Bill	Karen	Kim	Linda	Brenda	Lisa	Diana	Mary	David
John	Tony	Sharon	Betty	Mary Jane	Joyce	Tina	Adrienne	Sam	Dick	Harold
Bill	Melody	Luke	Mr. H	Carol	Molly	Leonard	Pat	Jeff	Diana	Don
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Rich	Joseph	Holly	Bob	Rob	Dee Ann	Johnny	Bryan	Will	Adrian	William
Gloria	Michael	Diane	Nick	Andre	John	Itai	Charlie	Susan	Daniel	Charlotte
Claudia	Robert	Allison	Bonnie	John David	Maura	Ken	Lanette	Joe	Angela	Angelica
Jeff	Mike	Randy	Misti	Linda	Leon	Chris	Bob	James	Karen	Jenny
Carolyn	Debra	Nelia	Kristine	Dorcas	Ann	Tommy	Kevin	Gayle	Robert	Benjamin
Laura	Michael S.	Rick	Alfredo	Ivan	Leona	Danny	Eric	Elizabeth	Paula	Sherri
Mary Sue	Debbie	Linda	Virginia	Nancy	Cynthia	Mimi	Bob	Tommy	Cole	Charandeep
Ed	Barb	Akadrianna	Linda	Jessica	Dallas	Joe	Judy	David	Claudese	Barbara
Milton	Kent	Janet	Tracy	Emily	Wayne	Jimmy	Philip	Lori	Mary	Glenda
Sara	Ted	Julie	Vicky	Bob	Kathy	Heidi	Harry	Maria	Marci	Reb
Rex	Andy	Delora	Inez	Quentin	Taylor	Carol	Ed	Peck	Christi	Dianne
Monette	Steve	Kathy	Kate	Donna	Keith	Michael	Mickey	Tim	Darlene L.	Brian
Joan	Lois	Sherry	Debbie	Christian	Jon	Debbie	Cheryl	JoAnne	Jim	Richard
Brian	Karen	Adair	Sara	Kathy	Clark	Beth	Margaret	Glenzine	Mark	Melissa
Joanne	Pat	Matt	Ethan	Toni	Don	Brenda	Lori	Wendy	Sarah	TracyLee
Kathy	Jodie	Mike	Myrna	Gloria	Joe	Julie	Bob	Lucretia	Steve	Eric
Sue	Matt	Mildred	Don	Althea	Sheryl	Cheryl	Susan	Sherri	John	Jeff
Garrett	Susan	Anne	Will	Cathy	Kenedy	Sara	Gail	Karen	Ron	Bill
Kathy	Hudson	Fred	Ric	Grace	Amy	Terri	Susan	Clayton	Lenna	Jane
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Becky	Lynda	Gracie	Mike	Steve	Pearl	Martha	Becky	Kathy	Patricia	Charles
Frank	Yvette	Tom	Tina	Cathy	Dale	Susan	Danny	Ben	Charles	Betty
Randy	Sean	Johnnie	Trista	Donna	Phil	Rita	Simone	Robin	Janet	Patsy
Sue	Frank	Linda	Timi	Bonnie	William	Peter	Angela	Suzanne	Kitty	Nick
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Bubba	Pete	Cindy	Lori	Donna	John	Mark	Nina	Serenity	Rick	Pam
Althea	Gina	Brian	Kristen	Phil	Joan	Lana	Rosa	Henry	Melody	Ruth
Robbin	Duke	Nisha	John	Fred	George	Sheryl	Kevin	David	Gino	Briana
Correy	Don	Sherri	Leonard	Cosme	Dewayne	Toni	Mickey	Tracy	Dave	Christiana
David	Jack	Darcelle	Penny	Anna	Richard	Barbara	Nikki	Bruce	Andrea	Corinne
Angela	John	Alan	Betty	Ava	Nicole	Mark	Carletta	John	Wendell	Pege
Maryann	Richard	Jennifer	Lisa	Evelyn	Susan	Gail	Molly	Marlene	George	Samantha
Bill	Lori	Agnes	Mechas	Dave	Dennis	Yvonne	Leslie	Ben	Lynn	David
Tina	Sheila	Fred	Phyllis	Bill	Pamela	Peggy	Michel	Sherri	Michael	Mrs. R
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Vicky	Darlene	Joanne	Frank	Sheryl Sue	Darcy	Brenda	John	Peggy	Robert	David
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Terri	Rebecca	Mary	Marty	Robert	Jamie	Larry	Martha	Joanie	Jobi	
Megan	Susan	Charles	Rachel	Becky	Jackie	Julie	Robert	Liz	Dennis	

We try to maintain a balance of privacy and personalization. If your name or a loved one's name appears here and you do not wish to be listed for any reason, please write and we will remove - jfor@mystronghold.org.