



Stronghold Ministry's Monthly Newsletter

The Exchanger



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The 700 Club aired a six minute interview with Joe and Terri Fornear about Joe's miracle healing of advanced melanoma. To view the interview on YouTube—click on the picture or paste in this link below:

youtube.com/watch?v=OAFxixbj7wo

Or search "Joe Fornear" on www.youtube.com.



If you'd like to make an end of year donation to Stronghold—go to www.mystronghold.org/Donate.html

Lighting Up the Dark

-by Joe Fornear

But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them. You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; They will be glad in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest.

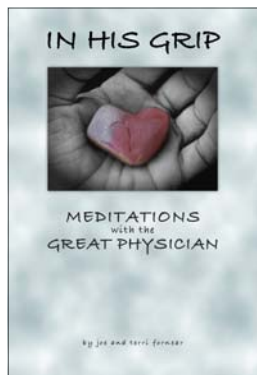
—Isaiah 9:1-3

There are few experiences in life that prepare a person for a battle with cancer. The disease and the treatments produce clouds of confusion, pain and depression which envelope the soul, resulting in a season of darkness. Fortunately for us, our God is an overcoming God and He makes us "more than conquerors" in every situation (Romans 8:37).



Because of the unveiling of the Son of God in human flesh, we can soak up the light of God's presence! He drives away darkness when He enters our heart. Have you invited Him into *your* heart?

Stronghold Christmas Reception & New Book Launch



Joe and Terri Fornear's new devotional book, *In His Grip, Meditations with The Great Physician* is now available online at www.mystronghold.org/In_His_Grip.html. An excerpt:

Think for a moment of a human hero of yours. It is one thing to know all about your hero, but it is quite another when he knows everything about you! Nothing could be better than to be personally "known" by God Himself! He knows you!

Join the staff and Board of Directors of Stronghold Ministry on Tuesday, December 13th at The Hope Center to celebrate Jesus' birth and the launch of *In His Grip*. The Fornears will be signing books at the Hope Center from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and also during our come-and-go Christmas reception from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the evening. Drop in and celebrate the goodness of Jesus with us!

Tuesday, December 13th 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
The Hope Center in Plano, TX
2001 W. Plano Parkway Plano, TX 75075

Testimony Time

*This month we share the inspirational story of **Diana Wenzel**, pictured with husband **Dan**, & sons, **Everett** & **Justus**.*

My story begins in October of 2008 when I was diagnosed with Burkitt's Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. They recommended the CVAD treatment of 8 rounds of high dose chemotherapy over a 6 month period. Each treatment consisted of 4-5 days of round-the-clock chemo (lots of different ones) administered in the hospital. By April of 2009, I had finished all of the treatments and was home recovering. All of my scans were clear (over the next year and a half) so my chances of getting lymphoma again are pretty much zero.



My blood counts however were up and down and that is fairly normal after intense chemotherapy, but in January 2011 my oncologist detected a downward trend. It was bone marrow failure. I was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome. My only cure was a stem cell transplant, which I had August 1, 2011 and I am thankful that that my sister was a matching bone marrow donor. That was just the beginning of the many miracles the Lord God did for me over the last few months. Today I am 4 months post-transplant and all of my blood counts are in the normal range!

There were many verses that brought me comfort in the midst of my fear but my favorite one was, “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland” (Isaiah 43:18-19). I never felt God left me or was not in control of my situation. He says “I will never leave you or forsake you” (Joshua 1:5) and He never did. God has a plan to “prosper and not to harm me” (Jeremiah 24:11).

I want you to know how much Stronghold Ministry has meant to me before, during, and after my stem cell transplant. Several months ago I came to the healing service on Tuesday night when I found out that I had to go through with the transplant. I felt nothing but love, peace and encouragement from the people involved with your ministry. I also received a stronger inclination to pray for complete healing with confidence before God. The time I was in the hospital awaiting the transplant was a scary time for me and Joe, Terri and also others from the healing service constantly encouraged me by writing notes on my Caring Bridge, sending cards, and praying for me. I am amazed by the love that is in your ministry. God's heart is in it and you can feel it!

Now that am recovering and healing, you are still there encouraging, loving on me and just doing what you do best. Thank you for being a hope to the hopeless and lighting the way during a very dark time for me! So far, the transplant has been a success and to God be the glory for all he has done for me!

Please pray with us for the ongoing success of Diana's stem cell transplant and her total recovery! You can keep up with Diana's recovery on Caringbridge.org —search for Diana Wenzel.

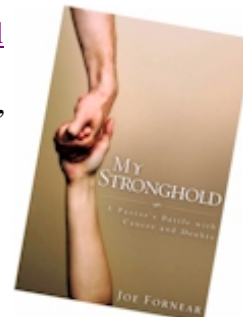
My Stronghold

Visit our website for more on Joe & Terri 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 be in your corner!





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?

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Mike	Adair	Tina	Donna	Terry Joe	Lisa	Gayle	Steve	Brendon	Janet	

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.