



Stronghold Ministry's Monthly Newsletter

The Exchanger

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

Coming Events

Joe and Terri share their testimony on God's use of pain and suffering at a Spiritual Life class at Dallas Seminary.

In November, Joe and Terri plan to publish their new devotional book, *In His Grip, Meditations with The Great Physician.*

Healing Prayer Meeting
3rd Tuesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.
@ Dallas Bible Church

Call 214-221-7007 for info.

The Mountain of the Lord

-by Terri Fornear

At the foot of the mountain
I hear Your Voice, Your call,
Go make a sacrifice to Me.

As I begin my climb
All I have is stripped away,
To make the journey easier.
No things to drag,
no friends to lean on,
no dreams to carry.

Just me and a clinging heart,
a bottle of saved up tears,
insecurities, and imagined fears.

At the top of the mountain
I look for a way out. All I see
is bushes, trees, thorns, and weeds.
Camouflaged in trials and struggles
of everyday life...
disappointments, hurts, and bruises.

I lay down Lord at Your feet
wiggling as I give You
my sacrifice... of me.
Then I see in the bush
a crown of thorns,
four rusty old nails,
and a cross of wood.
On the mountain of the Lord
You have provided.



Fundraising Banquet

We are grateful for the excellent turnout and response at our fundraising banquet. We are confident that many people fighting cancer will be blessed as a result of the outpouring of support. Stay tuned for our *Virtual Banquet*, which will enable you to watch videos of the evening's presentations.



Stronghold Ministry Now Member of ECFA

Stronghold Ministry is pleased to announce that we have been accepted into membership of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. The ECFA is an accreditation agency dedicated to helping Christian ministries earn the public's trust through adherence to Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship™. Founded in 1979, ECFA provides accreditation to leading Christian non-profit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established standards for financial accountability, fundraising and board governance. Members include Christian ministries, denominations, churches, educational institutions and other tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations. Collectively, these organizations represent more than \$18 billion in annual revenue.

Find out more at ECFA.org.



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*

Testimony Time

This month we share excerpts of an amazing blog post of Sara D. She had a bone marrow transplant in September 2009 after being diagnosed with leukemia in 2008, but is now free of leukemia cells. She has endured many setbacks from graft vs host complications. Her legs have been weakened by steroid treatments, and she fell and required a hip replacement. She has also battled frequent infections.*



I WOULDN'T TRADE

I'll start with what seems to be a crazy statement. ***I would not trade this season of my life for anything.*** I have received so much from the Lord. I have experienced His faithfulness; He has lavished me with His love; I have seen His provision; and He has taught me valuable lessons.

God has shown me His faithfulness through an indescribable peace - peace that truly passes any human understanding. As I experienced numerous "bumps" along the way, that peace has sustained me. I went through a period where I felt spiritually dry. I continued to read my Bible and pray, but I did not feel engaged. I also experienced extreme insomnia during that time. I believe the many prayers that were offered on my behalf sustained me and moved me through that low period.

I have seen God's provision in many ways. He has given me a supportive husband and children, and an extended family that surrounded me. Their loyalty and undying commitment has supported me throughout this entire ordeal. As each of them has walked this journey with me, they have grown in their own ways.

God provided me with an endless number of friends and family members who have literally taken care of my every need by: providing meals, transporting me to the doctors and physical therapy appointments, grocery shopping, feeding the pets, remodeling our home, and even providing a stationary bike for my exercise. Many who were not able to help physically were constant in prayer on my behalf. You will never know how encouraging those notes on CaringBridge have been. Reading the kind things that have been said were so refreshing to me. I know that many churches and other groups are interceding even now in prayer, and this brings me comfort.

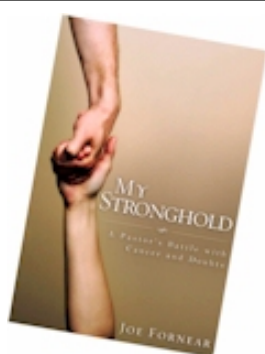
I have also learned that every day that we are alive is a blessing, and each day stands alone. What we do with each day can have eternal purposes, or we can waste it with frivolity and a negative attitude. Life is too short to make a big deal out of little things. We must take the opportunity to tell others just how much we love and appreciate them.

In His Grasp, Sara

PS: I WOULDN'T TRADE THIS SEASON OF MY LIFE FOR ANYTHING!

Please pray with us for Sara's complete healing!

*Read all of Sara's post on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at www.caringbridge.org/visit/saradubose/journal

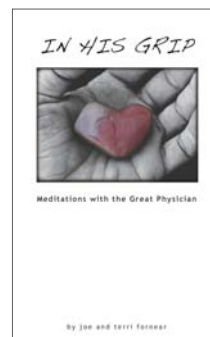


My Stronghold - The book

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 share your burden.



New Book

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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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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.